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## ERRORS IN GENEALOGICAL BOOKS

It is not our intention to speak here of errors in *bad* genealogical books. The amateur soon discovers that many such books were compiled by incompetent or insufficiently trained workers, or by those living too far from record sources to examine them thoroughly. Thus the amateur learns to discriminate between printed sources; to trust some, and to distrust others.

Here we shall speak of the type of error sometimes found in *good* genealogical books. The clerical error (which crept in although the compiler knew better) and the typographical error (for which the compiler may not have been responsible at all) are too common and well known to require discussion. We shall discuss two other types of error, and let a specific example tell the story in each case.

The first is the error that arises because the compiler of a good book follows what he finds in print without verifying it, and we have drawn the example of this from the recent *History of Woodstock*. The second type of error is that which arises through a misinterpretation of an original record, and for the example of this we have chosen an error in *Families of Old Fairfield*. The latter is an error which the present writer made; and we have chosen it for that very reason, as it seemed unkind to draw our examples exclusively from the work of others when we have been guilty of personal mistakes. It is hoped that this attitude will absolve us of lack of modesty in tacitly assuming that *Families of Old Fairfield* ranks as a *good* genealogical book.

### I. Rebecca Bartholomew

*The History of Woodstock*, by Clarence Winthrop Bowen, volume II, page 381, states that William Bartholomew married, about 1694, Rebecca Frisbie, born at Branford, 14 Nov. 1679,

died at North Branford 18 May 1738, daughter of John Frisbie and Ruth Bowers.

Since this genealogical history bears evidence of careful compilation, and is one of the most complete works of its kind ever issued, the researcher who utilizes it has no apparent reason to distrust the above statement, aside from the early age of the bride. But let us assume that the researcher is one of the few who have come to distrust every printed statement, and insists on tracking it back to its source.

The searcher therefore proceeds to examine *The Frisbee-Frisbie Genealogy* (1926), by Edward S. Frisbee, and finds on page 28 the positive statement that Rebecca, daughter of John and Ruth (Bowers) Frisbie, born 14 Nov. 1679, married 1694(?) Isaac Bartholomew. The interrogation point would seem to apply to the date, not to the fact, of the marriage. The careful searcher, desiring to know how dependable this book is, will study the early generations in some detail, and compare the account of them with other printed sources.

He will discover that on page 25 the first settler, Edward Frisbie, is allowed the choice of three possible wives, with no record evidence stated for any one of them. A son of Edward,—Samuel,—on page 25 is said to have married Rebecca Rose, and in support of this a record is quoted to the effect that Rebecca Frisbie “acknowledged to have received of John Rose, her father, her full portion.” The searcher finds, on comparison with the account given in *Families of Ancient New Haven*, that Samuel Frisbie’s wife is there stated as Rebecca Potter; and if able to consult the original court records, finds that John Rose was actually not called her father, but her father-in-law [meaning stepfather]. Finally, on page 20, the statement is seen that a Thomas Frisby married at Branford, 10 July 1656, ——— Nettleton. On comparison with Savage and an account of the Nettleton family in the *Connecticut Quarterly*, the searcher discovers that it was Thomas Smith, not Frisby, who married Hannah Nettleton on that date. If able to consult the original Branford records, he verifies the name Smith and finds it correct. In view of all this, he decides that original sources were not very well covered for the early generations in *The Frisbee-Frisbie Genealogy*, and that he cannot rely on it too implicitly.

He next turns to *The Bartholomew Family*, by George Wells Bartholomew, Jr., published at Austin, Texas, in 1885. A critical examination soon convinces him that here he is dealing with a superior type of history, based on a very considerable study of original sources. With more confidence, therefore, he turns to page 70 and reads that Isaac Bartholomew married, about 1694, Rebecca Frisbie, born 14 Nov. 1679, died in North Branford 18 May 1738. “Her age according to the gravestone, which



is poorly marked, is '60' or '62,' but both would be wrong." There is, however, a footnote, which reads thus: "Reasons for thinking her the wife of Isaac Bartholomew are, the fact that she was the only Rebecca known to have been living in Branford who could have married him, that her children were named from her brothers and sisters, that her brother was their guardian after her husband's death, and that every other fact known agrees; still this may possibly be wrong."

Thus the searcher has traced two positive statements of Rebecca's identity back to 1885, and finds that they were presumably based on a clever guess made by the capable compiler of *The Bartholomew Family*. The next step is to examine this guess critically.

It has been noted from the start that Rebecca Frisbie was barely fifteen years old in 1694, yet the searcher is forced to agree with the previous writers that Isaac Bartholomew's marriage must be placed not far from that year. Mr. Bartholomew found the age on the stone difficult to read, but if 62 be accepted, it would make Isaac's wife born about 1676, and hence about eighteen at marriage, which is more probable than fifteen, though the earlier age is not impossible.

Some of Mr. Bartholomew's arguments have weight. Rebecca Frisbie had a sister who married a brother of Isaac Bartholomew. Her brother Edward Frisbie was chosen guardian by one of Isaac's children. On the other hand, the fact that Rebecca Frisbie was the only available Rebecca found in Branford counts for little. Many births were not recorded, and the vital statistics at that period are unusually meagre in the town of Branford. But the searcher, who may not know of special Branford conditions, finds other considerations. Isaac Bartholomew appears to have resided in Woodstock during part of his early married life, so why may we not guess that she was a Woodstock girl? Or that she originated in some other town, neither Branford nor Woodstock?

The argument regarding names is curious, and the searcher fails to understand the assertion of Mr. Bartholomew that Rebecca's children were named from her brothers and sisters. The children of Isaac and Rebecca Bartholomew were named: William, Mary, Isaac, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Abraham, Josiah, Abigail, Freelove, and Jerusha. The names of the Frisbie brothers and sisters were: John, Edward, Rebecca, Nathaniel, Hannah, Samuel, Ruth, Joseph, and Lydia. In other words, except for the name Rebecca itself, not one of the Bartholomew children was named after this Frisbie group. It is true that two or three of the Bartholomew children bore names which had previously been used in the Frisbie family, but not one of them was the name of a brother or sister of Rebecca, nor was a child named for the father or mother of Rebecca.

The searcher, if wise, will not place the name Frisbie on the ancestral chart he is preparing. It is better to leave the space blank than to fill in a name for which no record evidence has been cited, and which is admittedly a guess.

If the searcher is able to consult original record sources, what will he find? Naturally, his first step will be to examine the probate records concerning the estate of John Frisbie. The inventory was taken 12 Apr. 1694, and the names and ages of the children were stated. These include Rebecca, aged 14. This was the same year in which she was supposed to marry Isaac Bartholomew.

Rebecca's youngest brother, Nathaniel Frisbie, died in youth, and in Mar. 1710/11 the court ordered his estate to be divided among his *five* surviving brothers and sisters. There had been seven children named in 1694; the death of Nathaniel left six, and another child was already dead. Which one? On 11 Feb. 1712/13, an agreement was signed between John, Edward, and Joseph Frisbie, Andrew Bartholomew in right of Hannah his wife, and Lydia Frisbie, to divide the estate of their brother Nathaniel Frisbie. This accounts for the five surviving children and proves that Rebecca was dead by 1711. Isaac and Rebecca Bartholomew had children born later than that, and *this* Rebecca did not die until 1738.

We have therefore proved that Rebecca wife of Isaac Bartholomew was *not* Rebecca Frisbie. Her identity has not been learned, but the searcher has satisfied himself that the name Frisbie does not belong on his chart. He has also learned that even *good* genealogical books occasionally contain serious errors.

## II. Obadiah Wheeler

The present writer, when compiling the first volume of *Families of Old Fairfield*, spent a week on the difficult Wheeler family. Since some previous accounts had badly confused the Fairfield Wheelers with those of Milford, it was decided to include what I had collected on the latter family. Though I knew my material lacked completeness, I believed it to be correct as far as it went. No sooner was it in print, than a mistake was called to my attention. I had wrongly placed Obadiah of Newtown as son of Thomas of Milford (page 682).

The will of this Thomas Wheeler gave legacies to certain daughters and a granddaughter; mentioned two sons-in-law by name; gave the residue of his estate to his Executors; and appointed "my son Obadiah Wheeler and Joanna Wheeler" Executors. Joanna had previously been mentioned as a daughter.

Obadiah was baptized as son of Joseph Wheeler, so was a nephew of Thomas. Obadiah was named in the will of his

father Joseph, after the latter's removal to New Jersey. Obadiah of Newtown later conveyed land in Milford which had been set out to his father Joseph. In another deed, Obadiah and Joanna of Newtown conveyed land in Milford which came in part from their father Thomas Wheeler deceased and in part from their brother Justus Wheeler. Thomas had no son Justus, but Joseph had. These facts, original record facts previously unknown to me, were quoted by my correspondent, with references to volume and page.

The explanation of these apparently confusing facts is really quite simple,—when all the evidence is available. Obadiah was in truth the son of Joseph, but he married his first cousin Joanna, the daughter of Thomas. When Thomas in his will called him "son," he meant son-in-law. If his surname had been anything but Wheeler, this would have been apparent almost at once.

The *Wheeler Family History* (1914), page 209, prints the entire will of Thomas Wheeler, and then falls into the same trap and makes Obadiah his son.

This is an example of the type of error that comes from a misinterpretation of an original record. Many times, as in this instance, it is to be attributed to the "little knowledge" which the poet calls "a dangerous thing." A complete study of *all* original sources would have enabled me to avoid the error.

Another moral that may be drawn is that it is always best to study the whole family as a group. Many of the errors to be found in the pedigree books which attempt to give a person's complete ancestry on all lines, come from trying to run back each direct ancestral line without the advantage of studying each family as a whole.

Finally, it is unwise to trust any genealogical book, however good its reputation, too far. There are mistakes in the best of them, and the genealogist should never allow his critical faculties to desert him and become a blind copyist.

## ENGLISH NOTES ON EDMUND RICE<sup>a</sup>

By MARY LOVERING HOLMAN.

Much research has been done by interested persons to discover something about Edmund Rice, previous to his appearance in Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, about 1627, with a wife and three children, Henry, Edward, and Thomas, but without anything authentic being found. It has been stated that his wife was a

<sup>a</sup> Published by permission of Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice of New York City, N. Y., and Newport, R. I., for whom the search was made.

Thomasin Hosmer but although her name was undoubtedly Thomasin no one appears able to tell how her last name was established. A long pedigree has also been furnished him but proven erroneous by Donald L. Jacobus of New Haven, Conn., whose argument any genealogist familiar with the period must endorse.

The attention of the present compiler was called to an item in the Somerby Papers by Marian C. Reed of Boston who was examining them for her. Acting on the suggestion the register of Stanstead, Suffolk, was searched and the result showed the appearance of the following Rices in the parish.

#### *Baptisms*

- 1608 Edward Ryce the son of Henry Ryce  
May.
- 1609 Henry Ryce the son of Henry Rice  
February [1609-10].<sup>b</sup>
- 1612 Elizabeth Ryce the daughter of Henry Ryce  
November.
- 1615 Mary Ryce the daughter of Henry Ryce  
June.
- 1617 Ann Ryce the daughter of Henry Ryce  
March [1617-18].
- 1619 Marie the daughter of Edmund Ryce  
23 August.
- 1620 Henry Ryce the son of Edmund Ryce  
13 February [1620-21].
- 1622 Edmund Ryce the son of Edmund Ryce  
26 October.
- 1625 Thomas Ryce the son of Edmund Ryce  
26 January [1625-26].

#### *Marriages*

- 1605 Henry Ryce to Elizabeth Frost November.

#### *Burials*

- 1608 Henry Ryce the son of Henry Ryce  
September.<sup>c</sup>
- 1621 Henry Ryce was buried November.

The rector who sent these records stated that there were no other mentions of the name of Ryce but that the Frosts were a Stanstead family. He sent only the name of the month but a

<sup>b</sup> The double dates were sent by the Rector.

<sup>c</sup> Evidently the first child of Henry and Elizabeth (Frost) Rice.

second time sent the day also of the baptisms of Edmund Rice's children. He states that he is positive that the Edmund, baptised in 1622, is Edmund and not Edward and if he is correct the entry of the name in the register must be an error. Edmund Rice had no son Edmund, and a deposition in the Middlesex Court Files gives Edward's age as 70 in 1692.

It seems probable that Henry Rice came to Stanstead when he married Elizabeth Frost. He may have been father of Edmund who, in 1605, was about eleven years old and the marriage to Elizabeth a second marriage. Or he may have been an elder brother. No estate was found for him at Ipswich. It seems possible that Edmund may have married the sister of Elizabeth Frost.

Edward Frost of Stanstead, co. Suffolk, clothier, will dated 26 July 1616, proved 4 Oct. 1616. I make bequests to Thomasine my wife, William Frost my son; my five daughters, Elizabeth, now the wife of Henry Rice; Anne now the wife of Laurence Collen; Alice, wife of Thomas Blower, Mary Frost and Thomasine Frost; and to Edward Rice, son of my daughter Elizabeth Rice. Executrix, my wife Thomasine. Witnesses, Ambrose Bigges, senior<sup>d</sup> & Ambrose Bigges, junior. (*P. C. C. 129 Cope.*)

#### *Stanstead Baptisms*

- 1589 William Frost son of Edward Frost August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 1592 Ann Frost, daughter of Edward Frost Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 1594 Alice Frost, daughter of Edward Frost Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 1596 Mary Frost daughter of Edward Frost Sept<sup>r</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Buried Nov<sup>r</sup> 23.
- 1600 Thomasine Frost daughter of Edward Frost Aug<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 1605 Edward Frost, son of Edward Frost Novr. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 1607 Mary Frost daughter of Edward Frost Jan<sup>y</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 1609 John Frost, son of Edward Frost Jan<sup>y</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 1615 Thomas Frost son of Edward Frost, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Buried  
June 23<sup>d</sup>.
- 1616 Thomas Frost, son of Edward Frost April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### *Burials*

- 1616 Edward Frost was buried August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Bigges family belonged in Glemsford, an adjoining parish, and as nothing more appears on the Stanstead records about the children of Edward Frost, the Glemsford records were read. There were a number of Frost entries and two Rices found in the period read.

<sup>d</sup> His will was read but had no mention of either Frost or Rice.



Christian son of John<sup>a</sup> and Katherine Rice, baptised 16 Nov. 1617.

Ambrose Witt or Will married Margaret Rice, 31 Oct. 1620.

It is extremely probable that Henry Rice was the name of the father of Edmund Rice, it is possible that it was he who died in Stanstead in 1621 and that he married Elizabeth Frost as his *second* wife, that both Henry and Edmund Rice came from some near-by parish to Stanstead when Henry married in 1605. Edward Frost's daughter Thomasine was unmarried in July 1616. Edmund Rice married his wife Thomasin before December 1618, the marriage however was not found by the rector. Edmund named his first son Henry, presumably after his father, and his second Edward, possibly after his wife's father. His third son was Thomas and Edward Frost had two sons Thomas both of whom died before he made his will. Edmund Rice is given in many accounts a son Edmund but he had no such son. Certain rights of his in land were granted to him and divided after his death and, as the date was much later than his decease, a son by name of Edmund was created to account for what was at the time a very ordinary occurrence.

While there is no absolute proof that Edmund of Stanstead and Edmund of Berkhamstead were the same, there can be no doubt that such is the case. The children born at Stanstead coincide with what is known of those children here, Edmund with these children leaves Stanstead at the same time that Edmund appears in Berkhamstead.<sup>e</sup> The full list then of Edmund Rice's children appears to have been:

- i. Mary, bapt. 23 Aug. 1619, Stanstead, Suffolk, died before her father, unmarried.
- ii. Henry, bapt. 13 Feb. 1620-21, Stanstead; m. Elizabeth Moore.
- iii. Edward, bapt. 26 Oct. 1622, Stanstead, deposed aged 70 in 1692; m. Agnes Bent.
- iv. Thomas, bapt. 26 Jan. 1625-26, Stanstead, aged about 44 in 1670-71; m. Mary King.
- v. Lydia, bapt. 9 Mar. 1627-28, Berkhamstead; m. Hugh Drury.
- vi. Matthew, bapt. 28 Feb. 1629-30, Berkhamstead; m. Martha Lamson.
- vii. Daniel, bapt. 1 Nov. 1632, Berkhamstead, buried 10 Nov. 1632, there.
- viii. Samuel, bapt. 12 Nov. 1634, Berkhamstead; m. Elizabeth King.
- ix. Joseph, bapt. 13 Mar. 1637-38, Berkhamstead; m. Martha King.

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<sup>e</sup> Berkhamstead and Stanstead are about sixty miles apart.

- x. Benjamin, b. 31 May 1640, Sudbury, Mass.; m. Mary Brown and Mary (Chamberlain) Graves.

By his second wife, Mercy (Hurd) Brigham,

- xi. Ruth, b. 29 Sept. 1659, Sudbury; m. Samuel Wells.

Edmund Rice was a proprietor and selectman of Sudbury, Mass., in 1639. 4 Sept. 1639, "The new plantation by Concord to be called Sudbury." (*Mass. Rec.*, 1:271.) Stanstead, Eng., is a village five and a half miles from Sudbury, Eng. It seems possible that Edmund Rice named the town and equally possible that he may have been born in Sudbury, England. There are three churches, All Saints, register beginning in 1564, St. Gregory's, register beginning in 1653, and St. Peter's, register beginning in 1593. All Saints was searched from 1564 to 1619 for marriages, no mention of Rice; baptisms from 1590 to 1600, gave only that of Thomas, the sonne of Hughe ap Ryce, on 17 June 1583, and there were no burials. St. Peter's was searched from 1593-1601 (there is a hiatus in the register from 1601 to 1639), with no Rice found. If Edmund Rice belonged in Sudbury, he must have been christened in St. Gregory's where the registers for the period are gone. The wills at Ipswich were examined from 1580-1660. As Stanstead and Sudbury are both on the border of Essex, the wills in the Commissary of London, Essex, and Herts were read, the Chancery proceedings have been also examined and the Feet of Fines for Suffolk, 1616-1625 (these might have been done earlier). The Suffolk Lay Subsidies show the important family of Rice of Preston, near Sudbury, who were allied to the Appletons; and a family at Bures St. Mary. This parish is so exactly on the county line that it is sometimes called in Essex and sometimes in Suffolk. The railway station is in Essex but the main part of the town is in Suffolk. There were two emigrants from Bures who settled in Sudbury. The registers of Bures do not however give the baptism of Edmund Rice and the Lay subsidy shows only a William Rice there in 1597 and 1604-05. In 1610-1611, Thomas Rice appears in Bures subsidy. The Essex Lay Subsidies show Rices in various near-by parishes but apparently it will be as difficult to find anything more about Edmund Rice as it was before the baptism of his first children in Stanstead was discovered.<sup>f</sup>

<sup>f</sup> The Suffolk marriage records are being copied and placed in the Free Library in Ipswich. There are 552 parishes and indices to 73 of them. There are only a few left to come in. The English work here was done, so far as it is done, by Miss Ethel G. Grogan, 16 Grange Road, Barnes, S. W. 13, London. The search is by no means finished.

## NOTES ON THE TIFFANY FAMILY

### I. From Records of Milton, Massachusetts

Contributed by CLARENCE ALMON TORREY, Ph.B., of Dorchester, Mass.

It is rather strange that none of the printed works on the Tiffany family includes the birth records of six of the children of Humphrey Tiffany, which were entered in the records of Milton, Mass. This omission is perhaps due to the distance of Milton from Rehoboth and Swansea, towns with which the Tiffany family was also associated. Milton is separated from Dorchester, which is now a part of Boston, by a small stream, the Neponset River. The Tiffany entries from the earliest book of vital records follow:

Thomas son of Humfery Tiffiny was born the 11<sup>th</sup>: of June 1668 [p. 71]

Hezekiah son of Humfrey Tiffeny was Born y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1670 [p. 59]

William son of Humfrey Tiffeny was born y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>: Febr: y 1672 [p. 72]

Consider Daughter [*sic*] to Humferry Tifeny was born June y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1675 [p. 53]

Ephraim son to Humfrey Tiffeny was born y<sup>e</sup> 26 of Decer. 1677 [p. 55]

Elisabeth Daughter to Humfrey Tiffeny was born Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1680 [p. 55]

There is a modern copy of this volume, on which apparently the printed vital records of Milton are based. The older book bears the binder's title, "Births Deaths Marriages 1665-1809." This book quite evidently was begun about 1730, and starting at page 50 the clerk copied into it the 1665 to 1729 entries from an earlier volume which is not now in existence. These older records are arranged according to the initial letters, not of the surnames, but of the baptismal names; hence, Hezekiah Tiffany appears under H, Consider Tiffany under C, etc. Under each letter the entries are mostly in chronological sequence.

Although no early Tiffany deeds have been found in Suffolk County records, the residence of the family in Milton for over a decade is indicated by the recorded births of the children, and established by records found in the unindexed printed volume, "Milton Town Records 1662-1729." Humphrey Tiffany owed a day's work to the town in 1670, also in 1672 and 1673. His name appears in rate lists from 1674, the earliest in the book, to 1680/1 (list dated 22: 12<sup>m</sup> 1680). His name does not appear in the next list, dated 1 Jan. 1681 [1681/2], and he had probably

moved to Swansea, where his daughter Sarah was born 6 July 1683. He was killed by lightning, 15 July 1685.

Including Sarah, we now have the births of seven Tiffany children, and there was another child, James, probably the eldest son. The child Consider entered in Milton records as a "Daughter" was actually a son, as proved by other records. This error may be that of the 1730 copyist rather than of the original recorder.

Records cited in the following section of this article prove that Humphrey Tiffany's wife Elizabeth was born about 1645, since she stated her age as 63 in 1708. This makes her 23 at the birth of her first recorded child (and possibly 21 when James was born), and 40 when Humphrey died in 1685. She afterwards married Simon Ray, whose granddaughter stated that she was a widow with eleven children (*New Eng. H. and G. Register*, vol. 86, p. 326). Only the eight Tiffany children are known, and although it is not impossible that Elizabeth had eleven children, that statement may be an exaggeration.

The facts seem to be that the Tiffany family lived first at Rehoboth, then at Milton from 1668 to 1681, and lastly at Swansea. The heirs of Humphrey Tiffany were listed as proprietors but not inhabitants of Rehoboth on 7 Feb. 1689 ("Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896," p. 917).

The Milton Town Records, 1662-1729, were printed by the town in 1930, but the volume is unindexed. We shall therefore state briefly the references to Humphrey Tiffany which are to be found in this book, and those interested can easily locate the items by consulting the pages indicated. He was mentioned in 1670, 1672 and 1673 as owing a day's work on the highways (pp. 54, 55). He was assessed in various tax lists from 1674 to 1680 inclusive (pp. 27,\* 29, 33, 34,\* 35, 36, 37, 343,\* 344, 345, 346,\* 347, 348,\* 349). On 9 Dec. 1678, he was one of the three men chosen as highway wardens for the following year (p. 56).

Humphrey Tiffany's name (signed Humfrey Tifinay) appears with twenty-five others on a petition of inhabitants of Milton, 1 Apr. 1678 [Massachusetts Archives, vol. 10 (Ecclesiastical 1637-1679), p. 139].

## II. From Other Sources

Contributed by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, M.A., of New Haven, Conn.

Records cited below prove that Elizabeth, widow of Humphrey Tiffany, married Simon Ray of New Shoreham, R. I. (see also *New Eng. H. and G. Register*, volume 86, page 326). Doubtless that explains why some of her children located in New Shoreham,

\* Starred page numbers indicate that Tiffany's name occurs twice on those pages.

where her sons Consider and Ephraim had children recorded. This family group removed to Lyme, Conn., where Consider died in 1708, and Ephraim in 1727.

The following entries are found in Arnold's *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, volume 4, New Shoreham, pages 20 and 36:

Consider Tiffany m. 27 May 1696 Abigail Niles  
Elizabeth, of Consider and Abigail, b. 23 Feb. 1696 [1696/7]  
Sarah, of Consider and Abigail, b. 5 Mar. 1699  
Nathan, of Consider and Abigail, b. 14 June 1701

Samuel, of Ephraim and Leshia [Bethia], b. 7 Apr. 1701  
Consider, of Ephraim and Leshia [Bethia], b. 28 Apr. 1703  
Humphrey, of Ephraim and Leshia [Bethia], b. 7 Feb. 1706

The name "Leshia" seems to be a palpable misreading for Bethia, as the name appears in her bond as Administratrix on Ephraim's estate, 14 Nov. 1727; the inventory was taken 11 Oct. 1727 [New London Probate District, File No. 5279].

Considerable information is found in the papers relative to the settlement of the estate of Consider Tiffany in 1708 [New London Probate District, File No. 5276]. Testimony was recorded 22 June 1708 concerning the nuncupative will of Consider Tiffany. Testimony of Simon Raye, Warden, that about 7 Jan. 1707/8 Consider Tiffany expressed his will that his wife bring up the children until the son comes of age, and that his son Nathan should have half his land at Lyme, and his daughters the other half. Ephraim Tiffany, being in Jan. 1707/8 aged about thirty years, testified to his brother Consider Tiffany's will as above. Mary Niles [Niles], aged about eighteen years, also testified. Testimony of Elizabeth Raye, aged sixty-three years, that on 7 Jan. 1707/8 my son Consider Tiffany, being sick and weak, etc. The inventory was presented by Abigail Tiffany, Administratrix. On 22 Mar. 1738/9, distribution was made of the lands of Mr. Consider Tiffany of Lyme deceased, as follows, mention being made of the dower right of the widow:

To son Nathan Tiffine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of ye farm [about 180 acres]  
To Richard Brockway in Right of his Wife Elisebeth Brockway Alias Elisebeth Tiffine  
To Silence Sears one of ye Legatees  
To Nathan Tiffine in Right of Sarah Day Alias Sarah Tiffine

The above distribution proves that Consider left one son, Nathan, and three daughters, and indicates that Nathan had purchased the right of his sister Sarah before the distribution was made.



## RECORDS OF THE MARYE AND STAIGE FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA

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### MARYE FAMILY

The Marye "family Bible" was lately (1929) in the possession of Mrs. Laetitia Staige Conway, née Stansbury, of San Diego, California. For copies of the following records, which are entered in this Bible, I am indebted to Miss M. Vivian Conway, of San Diego, step-daughter of Mrs. Conway. The late Mrs. Conway was a daughter of John Lightfoot Stansbury and of Mary Osborne Smith, his wife, daughter of Yeamans Smith, of "Snowden," near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Mr. Smith married Anne Osborne Marye, daughter of the Rev. James Marye, Jr., by Elizabeth Osborne, his second wife. Mrs. Conway was also the owner of the "Snowden" Bible, from which a record will be quoted.

The words "family Bible" have been placed in quotation marks, because the work in question is not a Bible, but a commentary on the Bible. It was printed at London for Nicholas Fussell in 1543. On the title page is written: "Jas Marye 1730. Ex Dono Dni le fonace 1729." This ancient book was formerly the property of the Rev. James Marye, Sr., founder of the Virginia family of that name, and contains the following entries of births, marriages and deaths:

The births of children born to Jas. Marye minister of St. George's parish Spottsylvania.

1729. October ye 10th at 50 minutes past four in ye morning was born Lucy Mary Marye ye daughter James and Laetitia Marya Anna Marye & Baptised ye 12th of ye same month by ye Revd Mr Weekly in Christ's Church, Spettly, her Godfather Mr Peter Bourdon, her godmothers Mme De Cleremlarde & Mll Lucy Rondo. London.

1731. September ye 8th at 27 monutes after eleven of ye clock in ye night was born James Marye ye son of James & Laetitia Marya Anna Marye and baptised October ye 10th by me his father James Marye Mr. William Randolph & James holeman Godfathers & ye widow Randolph Godmother. St. Jas Parish Goochland.

1733. April ye 6th at 10 minutes after 5 in ye morning was born Wllm Marye ye son of James & Laitetia Marya Anna Marye & baptised ye 3rd of June by me his father James Marye his Godfathers Mr Daniel Stoner & Wllm Womack & Margarita Stage Godmother. Goochland County St Jas Parish. William Maryes birth.

1735. June ye 17 at 10 minutes after 3 in ye afternoon was born Susanna Marye ye Daughter of James & Laetitia Marya Anna Marye & Baptised by me August ye 3rd her godfather Mr John Chew & godmothers Mrs Beverly widow & Mll Catherine Beverly. St. George's Parish Spottsylvania.

1739. February ye 20 at 11 of ye clock at night was born Peter Marye ye son of James & Laetitia Maria Anna Marye & baptised by me his father May ye 5th his godfathers Col John Waller sen. & Capt Hansford & his godmother Dorothea Waller. St. George's Parish Spottsylvania.

1780. October 4th died Revd James Marye minister of St. George's Parish half past four Past Mdn.

Died October 4th 1780 the Revd James Marye of St. George's Parish half past 4 o'clock P. M.

Departed this life my Dear Brother James Marye October 1, 1804.

Departed this life March 13, 1835, Mrs. Lucy Mary Weir, relict of the late Mr. Jas Weir aged 72 years & ten months.

April 29th—1761. Was married James Marye of Orange to Miss Sarah Vaulx of Westmoreland Daughter of Capt Robert Vaulx Dec. 3d [sic] married by ye Revd Mr. Cambell Minister of ye Parish.

1762. Jany 31t Born Lucy Mary Marye ye Daughter of Jas & Sarah Marye & baptised at Church March 21t Her God Father Mr Peter Marye. God Mothers her aunt Mrs. Marshall & her aunt Miss Mary Vaulx.

1763. Novembr 28 Born Susanna Marye Daughter of James & Sarah Marye & baptised at Church Jany 22d—her God Father Capt. Rowland Thomass—God Mothers Mrs. Jane Thomass & her aunt Mrs. Marshall.

1765. Aug. 18th Born Sarah Marye ye Daughter of Jas & Sarah Marye abt 10 at night & baptised by her Grand Father ye Revd. Jas Marye at ye Glebe in Orange, her God Father Mr. Tom Marshall Mercht. her God Mothers her aunt Mrs. Marshall and her daughter Lucy Marshall.

1767—June 10th Born Jas. Marye ye son of Jas & Sarah Marye abt one clock at night & baptised at ye glebe in Orange by me July 26th his God Fathers Capt Rowland Thomass & Mr Ludwell Grymes—God Mothers Mrs. Thomass & Mrs. Grymes. [This entry is followed by a note in pencil: "This was John L. Marye's father".]

December 26th—1774—Born Elizabeth Marye, Daughter of James and Elizabeth Marye. Doctor Hedgingman, Lucy & Susannah Marye Sponsors.

Feby 24th. 1777. Born Laetitia & Anne Marye—Twins. Daughters of James & Elizabeth Marye. Thos Strachen, Larking Chew, Bengm Grayson, Jas Marye, Mrs. Strachen, Polly Sladter[?], Sarah Marye—Sponsors.

The following entry, which is said to be in the handwriting of Mrs. Anne Osborne (Marye) Smith, wife of Yeamans Smith, of "Snowden," is taken from the "Snowden" Bible:

Departed this life my Beloved and venerated mother Elizabeth Marye Tuesday March the 22, 1831, in the 92nd year of her age—Widow of the Rev. James Marye, deceased, and formerly minister of this Parish Spottsylvania County.

#### *Author's Comments and Notes*

James Marye, the founder of the Virginia family of that name, was born, according to family tradition, which, in my opinion, is authentic, at Rouen, in Normandy. Of his parents and of his relations nothing definite is any longer known, unless it may be that they were people of the Roman Catholic faith, in which, it is said, James Marye was brought up. His great-grandson, John Lawrence Marye (1798-1868), of "Brompton," Fredericksburg, in conversation with the author's father, the late William Nelson Marye, regarding the status of the family in France, defined it as "gentle, if not noble." Mr. Marye was a man of

strict legal training, who was not inclined to use language lightly; but it was probably customary in Virginia to regard a family as "gentle" when its members were people of some means and education and moved in their own local "society." A brother of James Marye, it is said, was an officer in the French army. That James Marye studied in England for the ministry of the Established Church and was ordained a minister of that church is true; and I see little reason to doubt the story that he formerly, in France, had studied at a Jesuit college for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, but renounced his family's faith to become a Protestant minister.

The name *Marye*, as the reader well knows, is simply an old spelling of *Marie*. It is likely that he took the name of "James," and we may not be wrong in inferring that his baptismal name, or one of them, was "Jacques." Indeed, what is said to have been his real name is believed to have been, possibly, traditional in the Virginia "valley" branch of the family and, for what it might be worth, was reported to this author by the Hon. George Thomas Marye, American Ambassador to Russia, 1914-1916. Mr. Marye is the grandson of William Staige Marye, the son of Peter Marye, who was the son of the immigrant, the Rev. James Marye. The name which he transmitted to me was: Jacques Raoul de Lambertie de Sainte Marie. The two family names combined in this, the alleged baptismal name of James Marye, are those of old, but not especially prominent, French families,<sup>a</sup> the one of Normandy, but the other from elsewhere. My conclusion is, that the name, Jacques Raoul de Lambertie de Sainte Marie, is not a mere invention. The reader, if he agrees with me on this point, will probably be of the opinion that some family genealogist found this name in a published work of French history or genealogy and assumed, perhaps with scant justification, that its owner was identical with James Marye, the first of the Virginia family; and with this theory we shall not take issue, for it may very well be correct.

It may be worthy of note that the Rev. James Marye, Sr., in his will, dated April 25th, 1767, and recorded July 4th, 1768, mentions a tract of land by the name of "Varenville," a name which may have been that of some place in France connected with the history of his family or with some episode out of the earlier part of his own life.

James Marye married, it is said, at London, the daughter of a London clergyman, then deceased, the Rev. Mr. Staige, and the

<sup>a</sup> Sporadic mention of the families de Sainte Marie and de Lambertie occurs in *Histoire Généalogique des Pairs de France*, by the Chevalier de Courcelles. An account of a rather distinguished branch of the family de Sainte Marie, seated at the Chateau d'Agneaux, near St. Lo, will be found in Volume V, at page 19, of *La Normandie Monumentale et Pittoresque*.

sister of the Rev. Theodosius Staige, of Virginia. This tradition is, in my opinion, authentic. A later paragraph will contain what is known regarding the Staige family.

The Rev. James Marye, accompanied by his wife and his first-born child, emigrated to Virginia late in the year 1730. From 1731 until 1733 or 1734 he was minister of the parish of Saint James Northland in Goochland County, and from 1734 or 1735 until his death, which occurred in 1768, he was minister of Saint George's Parish, Spottsylvania County. His first wife, Laetitia Maria Anna (Staige) Marye, died between February 20th, 1739, the date of birth of her son, Peter Marye, and October 17th, 1739, the date of marriage of the Rev. James Marye and his second wife, Ellen Pursel Dunn, by whom he is not known to have had any issue.

After his removal to Spottsylvania County the Rev. James Marye acquired considerable property there. On July 5th, 1743, he purchased of John Sartin eight hundred acres in that county in Saint George's Parish and on September 6th of the same year he purchased of George Cook two hundred acres, part of the same grant (*Virginia County Records*, Vol. 1, Spottsylvania County). On March 15, 1744, he took up four hundred acres in the same county on Bluff Run, adjoining the land of John Sartin (*Virginia Land Grants*, Land Office, Richmond). In his will, April 25, 1767, the Rev. James Marye bequeathed to his son, James Marye, Clerk, a part of these lands called "Varenville" and to his son, Peter Marye, another part, which he called "Delos," and a tract called "Gum Branch" (*Virginia County Records*, Vol. 1, Spottsylvania County). Peter Marye settled in the neighboring county of Culpeper, which he served as Burgess in the Virginia Assembly. He married Eleanor, a daughter of Col. William Green. Among his descendants are the Hon. George T. Marye and his brother, the late Col. William Marye, U. S. A. The lands of the Rev. James Marye were situated, it is said, about eight miles from Fredericksburg, on Hazel Run. The place which remained longest in the family was that which was first called "Varenville," but which later came to be known as "Fayetteville."

The Rev. James Marye, Jr., whose birth record was quoted above, was born in Goochland County, Virginia. He was ordained, it is said, at London by the Bishop of London. His first incumbency (1761-1768) was in St. Thomas Parish in Orange County. Later he succeeded his father as minister of Saint George's Parish, Spottsylvania County. He died in 1780, according to the record of his death which we have already quoted. James Marye added considerably to his inheritance in land by the purchase from John Smith and others of 1148 acres on the Ny River in Spottsylvania County (*Virginia County*

*Records*, Vol. 1, Spottsylvania County, page 487). His first wife brought him some five hundred acres and a mill in Westmoreland County. According to a genealogy of the Marye family, published in Volume V of *Virginia Historical Society Collections*, New Series, the first wife of the Rev. James Marye, Jr., was a certain "Laetitia Courtney"; but he married no such person and, unless she was some ancestress known to tradition, who belongs in an earlier generation of the family, no such person existed. The record of his marriage to Sarah Vaulx, his first marriage, has already been quoted. She was, as the family record says, the daughter of Captain Robert Vaulx, of Westmoreland County. Robert Vaulx, fourth and last of the name in the Virginia line, was, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1754, a Burgess representing Westmoreland County in the Virginia Assembly. The following deeds, which are recorded in Westmoreland County, may be of interest in this connection. For an abstract of the first mentioned deed I am indebted to Mrs. Augusta B. Fothergill, of Richmond, Virginia, and to Miss Juliet Fauntleroy, of Altavista, Virginia, and for an abstract of the last mentioned deed, to Miss Fauntleroy:

"This indenture made the thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1764, between James Marye, of the parish of Saint Thomas in the county of Orange and Sarah his wife, of the one part, and Solomon Redman, of the parish of Cople, county of Westmoreland, mill-wright, of the other part, Whereas Robert Vaulx, late of the Parish of Washington in the county aforesaid, gent., deceased, by his last will and testament in writing bearing date the . . . . day of . . . . in the year of our Lord 1750 did give and devise to his two daughters Betty and Sarah Vaulx and to their heirs his grist mill situated lying and being on the main branch of Rappahannock Creek being near the dividing line of the parishes of Cople and Washington in the County aforesaid, And whereas the said Sarah Vaulx hath since intermarried with the said James Marye, now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said James Marye and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of sixty pounds current money of Virginia . . . . doe grant, sell, etc., unto the said Solomon Redman one moiety or half part of the water grist mill aforesaid," etc., etc. (Westmoreland County, Va., Deeds & Wills, Vol. XIV, pp. 315-317.)

"This indenture made this first day of May, 1797, between James Marye and Mildred his wife, of the county of Spottsylvania, of the one part, and William Augustine Washington, of the . . . county, of the other part. Witnesseth that the said James Marye and Mildred his wife for and in consideration of seven hundred pounds of Lawfull money of this Commonwealth to them in hand paid, etc., do bargain and sell unto the said William Augustine Washington . . . . one moiety of a certain messuage, tenement or parcell of Land in the county of Westmoreland and Parish of Washington which the late Robert Vaulx of the county aforesaid left to be divided equally between his two daughters, Betty and Sarah, the mother of the said Marye, which land hath only been in part divided between the aforesaid two daughters of Robert Vaulx, deceased, the aforesaid tract of Land left by the said Robert Vaulx to his two Daughters being bounded as followeth, vizt, with the Donation land given to the parish of Washington one side, with the Land of Henry Washington on another side, with the land of the aforesaid William Augustine Washington on another side and with the land



formerly Mr. Samuel Louis and the said Washington's on the other side, the said Moiety of which, containing five hundred acres be the same more or less, a reference to the said Robert Vaulx's will and the deeds from the Elliotts to Vaulx, it will more fully appear," etc. (Westmoreland County, Deeds & Wills, Vol. XIX, p. 244.)

In King George County, Virginia, is recorded the marriage license of (Colonel) John Skinker and Peggy Vaulx, dated April, 1772 (*Virginia Historical Magazine*, Vol. XXII, p. 310). Peggy or Margaret Vaulx was a half-sister of Sarah Vaulx, who married the Rev. James Marye, Jr. The will of Peggy Skinker, of King George County, bears date June 30th, 1777. The testatrix, among various bequests to relatives (she died *s. p.*), bequeathed "the remainder of my clothes to be divided between the Reverend Mr Mayrees children by my sister."

Notice of the death of the Rev. James Marye, Jr.'s first wife was published in the *Virginia Gazette* for November 1st, 1770; but the Christian name of Mrs. Marye, which was Sarah, was incorrectly reported as "Mary":

"On Sunday the 7th of October died Mrs. Mary Marye wife of the Revd. Mr. James Marye, of Spottsylvania, after an illness of a few days which she bore with truly Christian magnanimity and resignation to the will of Providence."

The Rev. James Marye married (secondly) Elizabeth Osborne, widow of Benjamin Grayson, and daughter of Captain Robert and Anne (Waddy) Osborne, of Westmoreland County. Notice of her death, which is entered in the "Snowden" Bible, has been quoted above, as well as the entries of the births of her three daughters.

Attention is called to the above-quoted entries of the birth and death of James Marye, son of the Rev. James Marye, Jr., and of Sarah (Vaulx) Marye. He married Mildred Slaughter, of Culpeper County, daughter of Lawrence Slaughter and his wife, Susanna Field, the daughter of Colonel John Field, who was killed while commanding a regiment at the battle of Point Pleasant. Of this marriage there was born, among others, John Lawrence Marye (1798-1868), of Fredericksburg, a well known and successful lawyer and the builder (1838) of "Brompton" or "Brompton Gates," near Fredericksburg, on "Marye's Heights," around which the battle of Fredericksburg was fought during the Civil War.

#### STAIGE FAMILY

In his recently published book, *History and Registers of Charles Parish, York County, Virginia*, the author, Landon C. Bell, Esq., quotes from the register of that parish the following records of the births and baptisms of the children of the Rev.

Theodosius Staige and the records of the death of Theodosius Staige and of his son William:

Staige, Letitia Theodora, daughter of Theodosius by Ann, born February 13th, 1728/9, baptized March 30th, 1729.

Staige, Ann, daughter of Revd. Theodosius by Ann, born March 26th, baptized April 4th, 1731.

Staige, Margareta, daughter of Rev. Theodosius by Ann, born July 25th, baptized August 6th, 1732.

Staige, Willm., son of Rev. Theodosius by Ann, born September 21, baptized 8ber 21st, 1733.

Staige, Lucia, daughter of Rev. Theodos. by Ann, born July 25, baptized August 26th, 1735.

Staige, Gulielma, daughter of Theodosius by Ann, born November 1st, baptized December 25th, 1739.

The Revd. Theodosius Staige died December 26th, 1747.

Wm., son of Theodosius Staige, died June 13th, 1736.

Mr. Bell gives the following information (page 26) about the Rev. Theodosius Staige: "Reverend Theodosius Staige was minister of Charles Parish from 1728 to 1747. The details of his education and preparation for the ministry seem not to have been preserved. He received the King's bounty for Virginia on June 4th, 1725. His first charge in Virginia seems to have been St. George's Parish, Spottsylvania County, which parish he served from 1726 to 1728. He is said to have married in Spottsylvania County, but when and to whom we have not discovered."

According to Mr. Bell (page 27) there is in the churchyard of Bruton Church, Williamsburg, Virginia, a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Here lyeth the Body of Ann, the wife of Graham Frank and Daughter of Revd. Theod<sup>a</sup> Staige who died on the Feast of St. Andrew, 1759, aged 28 years." Mr. Bell informs the reader regarding Graham Frank, that he is mentioned by Bishop Meade as a merchant of London and a correspondent of the Reverend Samuel Shields and of the Nelsons. Mr. Bell also tells us that another daughter of the Rev. Mr. Staige married Samuel Thompson, of Orange County, Virginia.

The Davis family of Virginia, descendants of Andrew Davis, of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, has always claimed descent from the Rev. Theodosius Staige through the wife of Andrew Davis, Jr., and has perpetuated to this day the name of Staige in the family. I think that this claim is founded on fact. Among the marriage bonds of Middlesex County is that of Andrew Davis, Jr., of Gloucester County who on March 1st, 1757, contracts to marry Lucia Staige, of Middlesex County.<sup>b</sup> Andrew Davis, Jr., was the son of Andrew Davis, Sr., of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, whose will was proved November 6th, 1759. The will of Andrew Davis, the younger, of

<sup>b</sup> *William and Mary College Quarterly*, Volume VI, page 121: marriage bonds, Middlesex County, Virginia.

Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, was dated November 16th, 1789, and was proved January 28th, 1793. The testator mentions his wife, Lucia Davis, and among other children a son, Staige Davis. The well known Davis family of Virginia is descended from Staige Davis.

It is probable that William Staige, who died in infancy, was the only son of his father. No notice of any other son or of any male person of the name of Staige, who might have been descended from the York County clergyman, has come to our notice in Virginia records.

The reader's attention is called to the fact that Theodosius Staige had daughters named, respectively, Letitia Theodora and Margareta Staige. As we have already stated, the wife of the Rev. James Marye, whose Christian names were Laetitia Maria Anna, is said to have been a sister of the Rev. Theodosius Staige. The godmother of William Marye, the second son of the Rev. James and Laetitia Maria Anna Marye, was named Margarita Stage. The identity of this Margarita "Stage" has not been established, but it seems possible, if not likely, that she was either the mother or the unmarried sister of Theodosius Staige and of Laetitia (Staige) Marye.

The Marye tradition has it that the father of Laetitia Maria Staige, wife of the Rev. James Marye, was a London clergyman. This tradition is sustained as to the calling of her father, when we find in the recently published *Alumni Cantabrigiensis* a record which unquestionably relates to Theodosius Staige, the Virginia clergyman:

Staige, Theodosius, adm. sizar (age 19) at St. John's, Dec. 17, 1715. Son of William, of Middlesex, Clerk. B. in London. School, St. Paul's. Matric. 1715-16. Ord. deacon (London) Feb. 21, 1724/5; priest May 23, 1725.

A diligent search of published English records reveals the name of Staige, or that particular spelling of whatever family name it may originally have been, as exceedingly rare. The will of William Staige als Stegg, of Trent, County Somerset, was proved in 1610. (Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1605-1619.) John Jones, of the Parish of Saint Brides, London, married Kathern Staige, of the Parish of Saint Butalf, Aldersgate, London, on July 10th, 1687. (Register of Saint Helen's Bishopsgate, London, page 164.) The tendency to confer long and flowery or high-sounding names on their children may be either an idiosyncrasy of the family or a sign of foreign origin; but if this last was the case, it probably dates back a generation or so. The name may be English and the peculiar spelling allied to the tendency to confer unusual names on children. It may have been Stegg or Stagg or Staig or something else. If it is foreign, it is difficult to make it out to be French and it was probably not French.

Nothing in particular has been ascertained concerning the Rev. William Staige, of Middlesex and London. Attention is called to the fact that both Theodosius Staige and James Marye named sons William. It is barely possible that the name of the Marye family home at Fredericksburg, "Brompton" or "Brompton Gates," was conferred in memory of that part of the county of Middlesex where the Rev. William Staige resided, Brompton, formerly a Middlesex village and now a district of London.

### HAMMATT

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This name is variously spelled in the records, but the principal variants appear to be Hammatt, Hammet, and Hemet. In the brief account presented here of the descendants of John Hammatt, the spelling of "Hammatt," is used.

There are several different early families of the name here in New England, and it is probable that they all originally came from Cornwall and Devon. This little account concentrates on two brothers who came from Cornwall, one settling in Plymouth, Mass., and the other in Boston, Mass.

A small handwritten manuscript pertaining to this branch was presented in 1904 to the Library of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, by George-Edward Rogers of Boston. This cites that:

"In Newlin, Parish of St Paul, Cornwall, England, John Hammatt, and Catharine daughter of J. James, were joined in marriage, and had born unto them

"John

Benjamin 1712

Abraham 1719

William

Of these Benjamin and Abraham came to America"

Doubtless these facts were obtained by Mr. Rogers from family papers or were a tradition in the family. In 1929, Dwight Clark, of Washington, D. C., son of John-Spencer and Mary-Anne-Sigourney-Hammatt<sup>5</sup> (Cotting) Clark, commissioned the compiler to try and locate this particular Hammatt family in Cornwall, and it is through Mr. Clark's generosity that this information has been published here.

The Hammatt brothers did not come from Newlin, Parish of St Paul, as stated in the above-mentioned manuscript, but came from Paul, a few miles from Penzance, in the Duchy of Cornwall. The compiler personally drove to this Parish and examined its

old registers. Later, she arranged with the Vicar also to make a search of them, covering the years from 1690 to 1730. From the Hammatt records thus gleaned, the following were of interest:

*Marriages*

John Hammett and Catherine James were married 12th December 1698

John Hammitt and Elizabeth Leha were married 28th February 1723

Charles Francis and Catherine Hamatt of this Parish were married 20th September 1740

Nicholas Tremearne and Anne Hamatt of this Parish by virtue of a license from the Court of Exeter bearing date 26th of January 1745: 2nd February 1745.

*Baptisms*

William, son of John Hammett of this Parish was baptized May 28th 1700.

John, son of John Hammitt, was baptized, October 4th, 1702.

Ann, daughter of John Hammitt of this Parish was baptized May 18th 1705.

Grace, daughter of John Hamatt of this Parish was baptized December 17th 1707.

Abraham, son of John Hammitt of this Parish was baptized March 17th 1709-10.

Benjamin, son of John Hammitt of this Parish was baptized October 14th 1712.

Catherin, daughter of John Hamitt of this Parish was baptized May 13th 1715.

Susanna, daughter of John Hammat of this Parish was baptized September 23d 1717.

Abraham, son of John Hammatt of this Parish was baptized March 23d 1719.

Florints, daughter of John Hammit of this Parish was baptized October 20th 1722.

Ann, daughter of John Hammit Junior of this Parish was baptized January 2d 1725.

*Burials.*

Abraham, son of John Hammit was buried December 25th: 1710.

Ann Hamitt was buried February 3rd 1723.

John Hammitt was buried Oct 24th 1726.

Florence Hamit was buried Dec 16th 1730.

Elizabeth wife of John Hammatt was buried Feb 17th 1768.

Mary Hamitt was buried Dec 28, 1738.

The Vicar of Paul, Rev. F. J. Prideaux, informed the compiler that he thought, from his search of the records, that John Hammatt came into Paul from some other parish, nor could he discover the baptism of Catharine James, John Hammatt's wife. That the name of Hammatt is common throughout Cornwall may



be seen by a cursory glance of those marriages from parish registers that have been published. A survey of these, prior to 1750, notes Hammatt marriages in the following parishes: St. Minver, Blissland, St. Maby, St. Kew, Paul, Mylor, Fowey, Tywardreath, Lostwithiel, St. Ewe, Landlivery, Bodmin, Lezant, Madron, Gwinear, Budock, St. Gluvias, St. Colomb Minor, St. Issey, Constantine, St. Crantock, the Exeter Transcripts, Bodmin Transcripts, St. Newlyn in Pydar, St. Petrock Minor, Boyton, Morwinstow, Camborne, Kilkhampton, Pughill, Landulph, St. Stephen's by Launceston, Probus, Launcells, and St. Keverne.

It is to be hoped that some day time may be found and likewise the necessary means to add to the data found. In the interim this short account will certainly serve as an outline and a basis for further research, both in England and in New England.

JOHN<sup>1</sup> HAMMATT, probably born in some other parish in Cornwall, about 1670, lived in Paul, where he was probably the John who was buried 24 Oct. 1726. He married in Paul, 12 Dec. 1698, CATHARINE JAMES.

The manuscript referred to above states that Catharine was the daughter of J. James, and in this connection we note the marriage in Paul of a John James to Elizabeth ———, 7 Feb. 1689. Possibly this Elizabeth was Catharine's step-mother.

#### Children baptised in Paul:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, bapt. 28 May 1700.
- ii. JOHN, bapt. 4 Oct. 1702; m. 28 Feb. 1723, Paul, ELIZABETH LEHA, who was bur. there, 17 Feb. 1768. John Hammatt Jr., had *Ann*, bapt. 2 Jan. 1725, Paul.
- iii. ANN, bapt. 18 May 1705, bur. 23 Feb. 1723.
- iv. GRACE, bapt. 17 Dec. 1707.
- v. ABRAHAM, b. 17 Mar. 1709-10, bur. 25 Dec. 1710.
2. vi. BENJAMIN, bapt. 14 Oct. 1712, came to New England.
- vii. CATHARINE, bapt. 13 May 1715; m. 20 Sept. 1740, CHARLES FRANCIS.
- viii. SUSANNA [or JULIANA, difficult to read], bapt. 23 Sept. 1717.
3. ix. ABRAHAM, bapt. 23 Mar. 1719, came to New England.
- x. FLORENCE, bapt. 20 Oct. 1722, bur. 16 Dec. 1730.
- xi. ANN, bapt. 26 Mar. 1723; m. by special license, 2 Feb. 1744, NICHOLAS TREMEARNE.

2. CAPTAIN BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> HAMMATT, son of John<sup>1</sup> and Catharine (James) Hammatt, was baptised in Paul Church, near Penzance, in the Duchy of Cornwall, England, 14 Oct. 1712, and died in Boston, Suffolk County, Mass., 7 Apr. 1805, aged ninety-three years, buried in Copps Hill Burying Ground. He married in

Boston, first, 9 May 1734, by Dr. Timothy Cutler, rector of Christ Church [now known as the Old North Church], of the Episcopal denomination, MARY PIERCE, born in Boston, 24 Feb. 1716, died there, 25 Jan. 1762, aged forty-five years, buried in Copps Hill, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mellens) Pierce. He married in Boston, secondly, 11 Nov. 1762, by Dr. Andrew Eliot, pastor of the New North Church [Congregational], MERCY (HOLLAND) BROWN, born there, 15 Jan. 1727, died there, 7 Jan. 1796, aged "near 70," daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Howard) Holland, and widow of Samuel Brown.

MERCY HOLLAND had married, first, in Boston, by Dr. Andrew Eliot, New North Church, 10 Jan. 1744, SAMUEL BROWN, by whom she had at least one child, Michael Brown.

Captain Hammatt apparently went directly to Boston, and there he remained, with the exception of a brief sojourn, in 1775, in Hingham, Mass., where he had gone to avoid the blockade in Boston due to the Revolutionary War. He was a wealthy "merchant marriner," and his name often appears in the Suffolk County Deeds and Court Records, as well as in the records of the Supreme Court. His first wife, Mary, was admitted a member of the New North Church, 6 July 1740, and all his children, with the exception of the eldest, were baptised therein. Also, with the exception of his son, Joseph, all his children were married either by Dr. Andrew Eliot, or by the latter's son, Dr. John Eliot, of the New North Church.

23 Mar. 1779, "Benje Hammett," was appointed a jurymen of the Maritime Court. (*Boston City Document* 150:88.) As this was during the period of the Revolution it entitles his descendants to membership in certain patriotic societies. In 1790, he was living in Boston, with a family of two males over sixteen, five males under that age, and seven females. In the Assessors "Taking Books," of 1780, under Ward 7, appears "Benj Hammett 1 poll 200 rents merchant." His land records are noted very briefly below:

7 Aug. 1744, Joseph Pierce of Boston, Innholder, mortgages to Benjamin Hammett, mariner, a house and land on Prince St., in Boston; wife Elizabeth releases her dower rights; this mortgage released in 1746. (*Suffolk Deeds* 69:85.)

14 Dec. 1744, Samuel Greaves of Marblehead, merchant, conveys to Benjamin Hammett of Boston, mariner, for £150, land on Love St., in Boston; wife Sarah quits her dower rights. (*ibid.*, 70:163.)

10 July 1755, Elizabeth Webb, widow, of Boston, mortgages land there on Salem St., to Benjamin Hammett, merchant of the same; when he released this in 1755, his wife, Mary Hammett, quit her dower rights. (*ibid.*, 85:199.)

30 Apr. 1760, Mercy Brown, widow, of Boston, the executrix and widow of Samuel Brown, late of same, mariner, deceased, conveys to Benjamin

Hammett, mariner, and Isaac Pierce, distiller, for £900, a distill house and land on "Lyn" St. (*ibid.*, 94: 199.) 26 May 1760, Benjamin Hammett and Isaac Pierce mortgage to Mercy Brown, land in Boston, near Charlestown Ferry; Mary wife of Benjamin, and Meriam wife of Isaac, release their rights; mortgage released in 1762. (*ibid.*, 94: 231.)

12 Apr. 1763, Isaac Pierce, distiller, sells to Benjamin Hammett, merchant, for £323, one half the property he purchased of Mercy Brown; wife Miriam releases her rights. (*ibid.*, 103: 189.) 1 Nov. 1763, Rebecca White of Boston, widow, and John White of Charlestown, merchant, sell to Benjamin Hammett of Boston, land and wharf in the north of Boston. (*ibid.*, 103: 191.)

1 Mar. 1765, an indenture ensued between Benjamin Hammett of Boston and John Tudor of same, regarding land in the north of Boston; wife Mercy Hammett released her rights in same. (*ibid.*, 103: 196.)

Benjamin's creditors evidently became uneasy because of some business losses, that he became involved in, and so the following deed was made:

16 Sept. 1766, Benjamin Hammett of Boston, merchant, conveys to Samuel Holland, gentleman, in trust, "all my Shipping and vessels," also my dwelling house and distill house in the north of Boston, and all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever situated, etc.; his wife Mercy Hammett releasing her dower rights in all this property. In the acknowledgment he is called "Capt." (*ibid.*, 109: 111.)

28 June 1780, William Colman, Benjamin Colman and Sarah Colman, all of Boston, Ephraim Ward and Mary Ward of Brookfield, all heirs of Samuel Pemberton Esq., late of Boston, deceased, convey to Benjamin Hammett, merchant of Boston, a brick warehouse on Town Dock. (*ibid.*, 131: 240.)

1 Aug. 1783, An indenture between Benjamin Hammett, mariner, and Mercy his wife, of Boston, and Moses Grant, Innholder of same, respecting property on Union St., in Boston; this mortgage released in 1791. (*ibid.*, 141: 35.) In this release, Samuel and Elizabeth Snellings joined [Samuel Snelling m. Elizabeth Grant, 4 May 1790, Boston]. (*ibid.*, 168: 152.)

In 1791, Daniel Austin, of Boston, mortgaged to Benjamin Hammett, merchant of the same place, a brick house on Union St., there; released in 1794. This is followed by other deeds concerning this property between Austin and Hammatt. (*ibid.*, 191: 95; 173: 212; 179: 57.)

26 Jan. 1799, Thomas Norton [his son-in-law] mortgaged to Benjamin Hammett, land and buildings on Back St., in Boston; wife Lydia Norton released her rights; the same year, Hammatt released the mortgage, one of the witnesses being "Sally Hammett." Later, he mortgages the same property to Andrew Sigourney. (*ibid.*, 191: 95; 207: 39.)

Joseph Pierce, of Boston, made his will, 5 Jan. 1750, proved 17 June 1752, by which instrument he bequeathed property to his son, Joseph Pierce; his daughters Mary Hammatt, Elizabeth

Robbins, Martha Davidson, Susanna Beach, and Ruth Williams; his son Jonathan Pierce; and his wife, Mary Pierce, she to be sole executrix. (*Suffolk Probate 10083.*)

Captain Hammatt, his two wives, and his son, Joseph, are all buried in Copps Hill Burying Ground, in the north end of Boston, close to Christ Church. Joseph's inscription on his stone will be found under his account, *vide post*.

"In Memory of  
Capt Benjn Hammatt  
who died Apr 7th  
1805  
Aetat 93."

"Sacred to the memory of  
Mrs. Mercy Hammatt  
wife of Capt Benjamin Hammatt  
who died Jany 6th  
1796  
aged 69 years."

The *Columbia Centinel*, issue of 10 Apr. 1805, contains:

"On Sunday evening Capt Benjamin Hammatt, Aet. 98 [*sic*] His funeral will be from the house of William Hammatt Esq in Southack's Court Tomorrow afternoon, at half past 4 o'clock, which his relatives and friends are requested to attend, without a more particular invitation."

The William Hammatt Esq. in the above funeral notice was Capt. Benjamin Hammatt's nephew, son of his brother, Capt. Abraham Hammatt of Plymouth.

Captain Hammatt made his will, 8 May 1803, proved 15 Apr. 1805, as follows:

"I Benjamin Hammatt . . . Mariner . . . make this my last will . . . to Elizabeth Snelling . . . to . . . heirs of my late daughter Catharine Jarvis deceast . . . to the heirs of my late Daughter Mary Spear deceast . . . to my Daughter Ann Sigourney . . . to my son Benjamin Hammatt . . . to my Daughter Martha Phillips . . . to heirs of my late Son Joseph Hammett deceast . . . to the heirs of my late daughter Elizabeth Burrell deceast . . . to my daughter Marcy Howard . . . to my daughter Lydia Norton . . . to my daughter Sally Agry . . . my son Benjamin . . . to be Executor." (*Suffolk Probate 22332.*)

There are various papers in the settlement of this estate; from them it may be noted that Elizabeth Snelling was the wife of Samuel Snelling, and in an accounting dated 8 June 1807, Benjamin Hammatt, William Hammatt, and Andrew Sigourney, all merchants, sign. The final accounting is not only beautifully written, but of great genealogical value. The estate was divided between:

The Heirs of Catherine Jarvis Deceased

Catherine Sawyer

Edward Jarvis

Mary Williams dau Mar Jarvis alias Williams [*sic*]

Margaret Ewell

The Heirs of Mary Spear Deceased

Mary Le Mercier  
Elizabeth Goodwin  
Abiel Veron

To Ann Sigourney

To Benjamin Hammatt

To Martha Phillips

To Heirs of Joseph Hammatt deceased

Mary Rand  
William J. Hammatt  
Henry V. Hammatt  
Mary Cathcart by her Guardian

To Heirs of Elizabeth Burrell

Elizabeth Robbins  
Josiah G. Burrill  
Ann Burrill by her guardian  
Lydia Burrill by her guardian

To Mercy Howard

To Lydia Norton

To Sally Agry

Dated 1807. (*ibid.*)

Children born in Boston, all but the eldest baptised in the New North Church:<sup>a</sup> By Mary Pierce,

- i. CATHARINE<sup>3</sup>, b. 3 Mar. 1734-35; m. 5 Nov. 1754, EDWARD JARVIS. They lived in Clark Sq., now called North Sq., in Boston.
- ii. MARY, bapt. 30 Mar. 1742; m. (1), 18 Sept. 1760, JAMES SIGOURNEY; she m. (2), 12 Jan. 1764, MICHAEL HOLLAND; she m. (3), 2 May 1791, DAVID SPEAR.
- iii. ANNE, bapt. 3 Mar. 1744; m. 7 July 1763, ANDREW SIGOURNEY. Children (Sigourney), (1) *Mary*; m. John Cathcart; (2) *Andrew*; m. (1), Sally Barker of Nantucket; he m. (2), Elizabeth Williams of East Boston; (3) *Daniel*; m. Martha Williams of East Boston. Anne (Hammatt) Sigourney was living in 1807.
- iv. BENJAMIN, bapt. 30 Nov. 1746, Harvard College 1766, d. 18 Aug. 1829, ae. 84; m. 15 May 1777, MARY BARRETT, b. 21 Oct. 1748, d. 30 Aug. 1810, dau. of Dea. John and Sarah (Gerrish) Barrett. He served in the Revolution and all his children were bapt. in the New North Church. Children (Hammatt), (1) *John-Barrett*, b. 12 July 1778; (2) *Polly*, bapt. 11 July 1779; (3) *Benjamin*, bapt. 23 July 1780; (4) *Charles*, bapt. 26 Aug. 1784; (5) *Sally*, bapt. 14 Dec. 1788; (6) *Henry-Hill*, bapt. 26 Aug. 1791; (7) *Nathaniel*, bapt. 3 Nov. 1793; possibly another child, viz: Ann-H. Phippen.

<sup>a</sup> The data concerning the children are given very briefly as no particular research was expended on them. The compiler, however, has some additional information concerning this and other Hammatt family groups.



- v. MARTHA, bapt. 11 Dec. 1748; m. 28 Aug. 1766, JOHN ["JOSEPH" in ch. reeds.] PHILLIPS. Children (Phillips), (1) *Patty*; (2) *Polly*; (3) *Joseph*; probably others. Martha (Hammatt) Phillips was alive in 1807.
- 4. vi. JOSEPH, bapt. 21 Oct. 1750; m. ABIGAIL JACKSON and POLLY WILLIAMS.
- vii. ELIZABETH, bapt. 7 Oct. 1753; m. 15 Aug. 1782 [22 Oct. 1781, in ch. reeds.], ALDEN BURRILL of Lynn, Mass.

By Mercy (Holland) Brown,

- viii. MERCY, bapt. 2 Oct. 1763, d. 21 July 1848, ae 84-10, in Charlestown, Mass.; she m. (1) 20 Oct. 1782, JOSEPH HOWARD, who d. 20 July 1808, and was bur. Copps Hill; she m. (2), 3 July 1811, GARDINER HAMMOND of Boston, who d. 23 Feb. 1823, ae 66, Charlestown, where they had removed; no children by 2d marriage. Children (Howard), (1) *Joseph*, b. 27 July 1783; (2) *William*, b. 9 Mar. 1785, d. 16 Mar. 1785; (3) *Mercy*, b. 9 Sept. 1786; m. George Noble; (4) *William*, b. 12 May 1787; m. Mary-Allen French; (5) *Charlotte*, b. 2 Aug. 1789; m. William Kendall; (6) *Harriet*, b. 24 Apr. 1791; m. Edward Adams; (7) *Sally*, b. 15 Aug. 1792; m. Lieut. Van Cleve; (8) *Benjamin-Hammatt*, b. 10 Oct. 1793, d. y.; (9) *Benjamin-Hammatt*, b. 8 May 1795, d. Havana; (10) *Eliza-Hammond*, b. 13 Aug. 1801; m. Joshua Phippen. Information about the descendants of Mercy (Hammatt) (Howard) Hammond, is to be found in the little Hammatt Ms., referred to above.
- ix. WILLIAM, bapt. 16 Sept. 1764, d. before 1803, unmarried.
- x. LYDIA, bapt. 29 May 1768; m. 2 June 1785, THOMAS NORTON. Children (Norton), *Benjamin*; and others. Lydia (Hammatt) Norton was living in 1807.
- xi. SALLY, bapt. 3 Sept. 1769; m. 23 Sept. 1801, THOMAS AGRY of Kennebeck (Hallowell?). She was living in 1807.

It may be of interest to descendants to note that Benjamin Hammatt Jr., was in the grocery trade and lived on the corner of Southacks Court (now Harvard St.) and Stoddards Lane (now Stoddard St.). The Inn kept by Joseph Pierce, father-in-law of Capt. Benjamin Hammatt, was called "The Logwood Tree" and was on Lynn St., although he later went to the "Queens Head Inn," the same street, near Scarletts Wharf. Lynn St. is now known as Commercial St.

3. CAPTAIN ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> HAMMATT, son of John<sup>1</sup> and Catharine (James) Hammatt, and brother of Capt. Benjamin Hammatt of Boston, Mass., was baptised in Paul Church, near Penzance, in the Duchy of Cornwall, England, 23 Mar. 1719, and died in Plymouth, Mass., 23 June 1774, intestate. He married in Plymouth, 20 Dec. 1748, LUCY HOWLAND, born there, 27 Mar.

1726, died there, 30 Apr. 1803, daughter of Consider and Ruth (Bryant) Howland, and a "Mayflower Descendant."

Benjamin and Abraham Hammatt came to Boston, before 1734, where the elder settled, becoming a prominent shipping merchant. Abraham, some seven years the younger, remained in Boston, until his marriage in 1748, when he settled in Plymouth, and became interested in the Rope Walk there. The connection between the two brothers was kept up, especially by Abraham's son, William Hammatt Esq., of Boston and Nantucket, Mass.

3 Sept. 1748, "a Purpose of Marriage between Mr Abraham Hammatt of Boston & Mrs Luce Howland of Plym<sup>o</sup>." (*Plymouth Records*.)

Consider Howland left no will, but an administration was granted, 14 Sept. 1759, to Thomas Southworth Howland, who had as his sureties, Elkanah Watson, gentleman, and John Churchill, merchant, on the estate of his father, Consider Howland, late of Plymouth, gentleman, deceased. Later another administration was granted, 6 May 1780, to Elkanah Watson, gentleman, with Joshua Thomas Esq., Consider Howland, mariner, William Thomas, physician, and Isaac LeBaron, cordwainer, all of Plymouth, as bondsmen, Elkanah to act in the place of Thomas Southworth Howland, who had also deceased. An insolvent estate. (*Plymouth Probate 10910*.)

A very brief survey of Abraham's principal land records follows:

20 Sept. 1762, Abraham Hammatt of Plymouth sells to James Otis of the same, a house that said Otis had confirmed to him, (a mortgage?); signed by Hammatt, whose wife, Lucy, releases her dower rights. (*Plymouth Deeds 48:24*.)

1 Nov. 1770, An agreement between Ruth Howland, a widow of Plymouth, and Abraham Hammatt of the same, ropemaker, she farmlets to him property near the rope walk; both sign; Lucy releases her dower rights. (*ibid.*, 55:256.)

2 Oct. 1771, Thomas Howland of Plymouth, Innholder, conveys land there to Abraham Hammatt of same, ropemaker; wit: Abraham Hammatt Jr. (*ibid.*, 55:256.)

14 July 1773, Abraham Hammatt of Plymouth, ropemaker, sells to Boston merchants, land in Plymouth that was leased him by Ruth Howland, to take effect after her decease, being part of her widow's thirds, also other property of his own there, being his entire rope walk and buildings; both Abraham and Lucy sign this sale; wit: Abraham Hammatt Jr. (*ibid.*, 57:168.)

Abraham Hammatt left no will:

5 Dec. 1774, Abraham Hammatt, ropemaker, with William Thomas, physician, and Bartlett LeBaron, yeoman, all of Plymouth, was appointed

the administrator of the estate of Abraham Hammatt late of Plymouth, ropemaker, deceased; all sign this bond. The inventory made 22 Feb. 1775, contains many items of interest, and among them, are listed: silver salts, silver cream pot and tea spoons, sea chest, skin trunk, gold button, silver buckles, hooks, mahogany furniture, linen, china and glass, etc. (*Plymouth Probate 8970.*)

Abstracts of some of the deeds of the son, Abraham Hammatt Jr., follow:

13 July. 1779, Thomas Southworth Howland of Plymouth, administrator of the estate of Consider Howland, late of same, Innholder, deceased, sells land there to Abraham Hammatt of same, ropemaker. 21 Sept. 1779, Abraham Hammatt of Plymouth, ropemaker, sells to Thomas Davis Jr., of same, land there, which he had purchased of the administrator of the estate of Consider Howland deceased; wife Priscilla releases her rights; both sign. (*ibid.*, 60: 32, 38.)

1 Sept. 1794, Abraham Hammatt of Plymouth, ropemaker, sells land there to Thomas Davis of Boston; wife Priscilla releases her rights. (*ibid.*, 75: 191.) In 1794, 1795, and 1797, Abraham Hammatt had other land transactions, and in 1800, his widow, Priscilla Hammatt, as his administratrix, also passes deeds. (*ibid.*, 77: 102, 120; 80: 194; 81: 273; 86: 219; 89: 28, 29.)

The son, Abraham Hammatt Jr., also a ropemaker, died intestate in 1797:

21 Oct. 1797, Priscilla Hammatt, widow of Plymouth, with William Hammatt of Sherburne in the County of Nantucket Esq., and William LeBaron of Plymouth Esq., as her sureties, was appointed the administratrix of the estate of Abraham Hammatt late of Plymouth, deceased. The inventory was filed 25 Oct. 1797. A petition that the estate was insolvent was filed 10 Feb. 1799, by the widow, and a list of claims, presented in May 1800, mentions amounts owed by William Hammatt Esq., and William Hammatt Jr. The final account was filed 28 Aug. 1800. No list of heirs is of record. (*Plymouth Probate 8971.*)

Neither Lucy Hammatt, nor her daughter-in-law, Priscilla, left recorded estates. This deed is of interest:

16 Feb. 1802, Joseph Howland of Plymouth, gentleman, with his sisters, herein subscribed, conveyed to Ichabod Martin Jr., of same, all rights to certain lands there, granted to his grandfather, Thomas Howland. Signed: Joseph Howland, Elizabeth Howland, Lucy Hammatt, Mary Thomas, and Martha LeBaron. Wit: William Hammatt, Priscilla Hammatt. (*Plymouth Deeds 94: 99.*)

#### Children born in Plymouth:

- i. ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, b. 13 Feb. 1750, d. 13 Oct. 1797; m. 14 Sept. 1774, PRISCILLA LeBARON, b. 3 Aug. 1753, d. 14 Aug. 1803, daughter of Lazarus LeBaron. Children (Hammatt), (1) Priscilla; (2)

*William*; (3) *Samuel*; (4) *Abraham*; (5) *Consider-Howland*;  
(6) *Sophia*; (7) *Lucia*; (8) *Elizabeth*; (9) *Charles-Howland*;  
(10) *George*; (11) *Henry*.

5. ii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 1752; m. HEPSIBAH BARKER and MARY CATHCART.
- iii. LUCY, m. 30 Mar. 1802, DR. NATHANIEL LATHROP.
- iv. CHILD, who d. 1760-61, of "Capt Hammatt."  
Probably others who died young.

4. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> HAMMATT (Capt. Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born in Boston, baptised in the New North Church there, 21 Oct. 1750, died in Boston, 19 Feb. 1798, aged forty-eight years. He married there, 18 Dec. 1770, ABIGAIL JACKSON, who died in August 1793, her identity unknown.<sup>b</sup> He married secondly, in Boston, 15 Nov. 1795, by Thomas Baldwin, of the Baldwin Place Baptist Church, POLLY WILLIAMS.

Abigail Hammatt owned the Covenant in the New North Church, 3 Feb. 1771. In 1779, Joseph Hammatt was appointed to a minor town office in Boston. (*Boston City Document* 80:52.) The Assessors "Taking Books," for 1780, locate Joseph "Hammatt" in Ward 4, with 1 poll, 15 rents, and by occupation a cooper. In 1790, he appears in the Boston census, as head of a family consisting of one male over sixteen, one under, and three females. He has no recorded deeds and a thorough search of the Jackson probate in Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Plymouth Counties failed to give any clue to his first wife's parentage.

The *Independent Chronicle*, issue of 22 Feb. 1798, cites:

"In this town Mr Joseph Hammatt Aet. 47. His funeral will proceed from the house of his brother Mr Benjamin Hammatt junior in Southacks Court this afternoon, at half past 4 o'clock which the friends and relations of the family are requested to attend."

Joseph Hammatt was buried in Copps Hill Burying Ground:

"In Memory of  
Joseph Hammatt  
obt. Feby 19th 1798  
A E 48"

Children born in Boston and baptised in the New North Church: By Abigail Jackson,

- i. MARY<sup>4</sup>, bapt. 21 Apr. 1771; m. THOMAS RAND of Charlestown.
- ii. JOSEPH, bapt. 15 Aug. 1773, probably died young.
6. iii. WILLIAM-JACKSON, b. about 1775; m. FANNY RAND, sister of Thomas Rand.

<sup>b</sup> The compiler will be particularly grateful for any clue to her identity, also for any additions or corrections to this entire Hammatt account.

- iv. POLLY-BARRETT, bapt. 14 June 1778, probably died young.
- v. POLLY-PIERCE, bapt. 30 June 1779; m. (1), ——— CATHCART, by whom she had daughter *Mary*, a minor in 1807. She was possibly that widow Mary Cathcart, who m. (2), as his 2d wife, her father's cousin, William Hammatt Esq., of Boston and Nantucket, *vide post*.
- vi. HENRY-VASS, bapt. 29 July 1781, d. 23 Oct. 1809; m. 5 Dec. 1805, ABIGAIL MANNING of Charlestown. [Henry Vass m. 11 June 1781, New North Church, Mary Jarvis, *vide supra*.]

5. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> HAMMATT ESQUIRE (*Capt. Abraham<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born in Plymouth, Mass., in December 1752, died in Nantucket, Mass., 3 Nov. 1818, aged sixty-six years and eleven months. He married, first, in Nantucket, 24 May 1774, called in the record "of Boston," HEPSIBAH BARKER, born there, 16 Dec. 1754, died there, 20 Sept. 1798, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Barker. He married secondly, intention dated 21 Nov. 1801, Nantucket, "both of Boston," by Dr. Eliot of the New North Church, 12 Dec. 1801, widow MARY CATHCART of Boston, who was living in 1818.<sup>c</sup>

William Hammatt was a wealthy man and large land owner; although there is much data to be had in the records about him and his family, no notes were made, as this short account of the Hammatts was prepared for a descendant of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Hammatt. William's death is recorded in Nantucket as well as in the Brattle Square Church records in Boston, and the death of his cousin, Benjamin Jr., is also recorded in this same church. He, William, made his will, 4 July 1803, proved 9 Nov. 1818:

"I William Hammatt of Boston . . . give and bequeath to Each of my Children . . . John Hammatt Elizabeth Delano Lucy Hammatt Benjamin Hammatt Ann Sigourney Hammatt William Barker Hammatt and Abraham Hammatt . . . after they arrive at the Age of Twenty one years . . . to my beloved wife Mary Hammatt . . ." she to be executrix; wit: P. Coffin, Andrew Sigourney, W. Cleland. (*Suffolk Probate 25703*.)

Children probably born in Nantucket, order uncertain:

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 23 Oct. 1776; m. 17 Nov. 1796, Nantucket, ANN MOORS.
- ii. CHILD [BENJAMIN], d. 27 Sept. 1778.
- iii. ELIZABETH [BETSEY], b. about 1780; m. 4 Sept. 1794, Nantucket, ABISHAI DELANO.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. in 1782, living 1803.
- v. CHILD, d. 22 Sept. 1785.
- vi. LUCY, b. about 1787; m. after 1803, JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

<sup>c</sup> That his second wife was a family connection seems quite certain. It is possible that she may have been that Polly-Pierce (Hammatt) Cathcart, bapt. 30 June 1779, Boston, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Jackson) Hammatt. But there is also that Mary Sigourney [dau. of Andrew and Anne (Hammatt) Sigourney, and granddau. of Capt. Benjamin Hammatt], who m. 23 Dec. 1790, Boston, John Cathcart, to consider. A nice little problem to be worked out some day.



- vii. ANN-SIGOURNEY, b. about 1790; m. GEORGE BOND.
- viii. PATTY, d. 4 Oct. 1800, Nantucket.
- ix. ABRAHAM, b. about 1795; m. ANN-AURELIA STOKES.
- x. WILLIAM-BARKER, b. Sept. 1798, d. 25 July 1820, ae 23.

6. WILLIAM JACKSON<sup>4</sup> HAMMATT (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Capt. Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born in Boston, about 1775, died there, 26 Jan. 1819, of consumption, aged forty-four years. He married in Charlestown, 31 May 1800, FANNY RAND, born there, 13 June 1781, died in Boston, 6 Oct. 1832, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Parker) Rand.

Samuel Rand, a soldier in the Revolution, died in Charlestown, in 1798, but there is no recorded settlement of his estate in the Registry of Probate.

William-Jackson Hammatt is the only one of his father's children that was not baptised in the New North Church. This omission was probably because of the occupation of Boston, that year, by the British troops. Unfortunately the records of this church are missing from 1793 to 1814, so that we have no record of the baptisms of William's children. "William J. Hammatt," as he signed himself, has no land records on file in either Suffolk or Middlesex Counties, nor is there any recorded settlement of his estate.

With others, "William J. Hammatt," served as "culler of dry fish," from 1814 to 1818 in Boston, and a Walter Jackson served with him. (*Boston Records*.)

The *Columbia Centinel*, issue of 27 Jan. 1819, cites: "In this town on Saturday Mr William Hammatt aged 44." And the issue for 10 Oct. 1832, states: "On Saturday last Mrs Fanny wife of Mr William Hammatt aged 50."

Children born in Boston, order of birth uncertain:

ANNE-SIGOURNEY<sup>5</sup>, b. 17 June 1806, d. 19 Feb. 1888, Boston; m. there, 25 Nov. 1830, CAPT. WILLIAM COTTING, mariner, b. 4 Jan. 1791, Marlborough, Mass., d. 2 Jan. 1854, Boston, son of Dr. Amos Cotting (Harvard 1769), by his wife, Dinah (Newton) Cotting. Child (Cotting), b. Boston, *Mary-Anne-Sigourney-Hammatt*, b. 22 Sept. 1831, d. 22 July 1905, Boston; m. there, 13 Oct. 1859, John-Spencer<sup>7</sup> Clark (*George-Washington<sup>6</sup>, Benoni<sup>5</sup>, Benoni<sup>4</sup>, Benoni<sup>3</sup>, Capt. William<sup>2</sup>, Lieut. William<sup>1</sup>*), b. 5 Oct. 1835, Victor, N. Y., d. 21 Mar. 1920, Boston, son of George-Washington and Abigail (Thomas) Clark; they had: (a) William-Cotting, b. 13 Aug. 1860, d. 10 Mar. 1861; (b) John-Spencer, b. 29 Jan. 1862; (c) Sigourney-Hammatt, b. 18 Aug. 1863, d. 29 Jan. 1868; (d) Annie-Townsend, b. 16 Jan. 1867; (e) Dwight, b. 11 July 1869, res. Washington, D. C., member of the Cincinnati, *vide supra*; (f) Eleanor-Sigourney, b. 28 Aug. 1875.

ABIGAIL-PARKER, bapt. 13 Aug. 1818, New North Church.

ELIZABETH-BRINLEY, b. 1808, d. 11 Nov. 1809, ae 8 months, the  
"youngest daughter."

Other children whose names are not known.

Other distinct Hammatt families that the compiler has noticed are the Newport, R. I., family, descendants of REV. JOHN HAMMATT (1680-1773); the family of EDWARD HAMMATT of Taunton, Bristol County, Mass. (1680-1745), whose sons settled in Martha's Vineyard; a THOMAS HAMMATT of Scarborough, Me., in 1663; and early Bostonians, viz:

JOHN HAMET, who married in Boston, 22 Dec. 1763, SARAH EDWARDS; held minor town offices, between 1770-1774, and died there in March 1775, an upholsterer. His widow died there in April 1791, and her will of 9 May 1786, bequeaths to the children of Benjamin and Mary Larkin, and to Joseph and Benjamin Larkin.

RICHARD HAMMET, who married HANNAH JOHNSON, 2 Aug. 1706, New Brick Church, Boston.

ROBERT HAMMATT, born about 1700, died before 1739; married in Boston, New Brick Church, 15 Apr. 1729, KATHARINE (CLARK) BREMAN, born about 1690, died there in 1753. She married first, in Boston, 15 Feb. 1712, JOHN BREMAN; secondly, as above; and thirdly in Boston, as his second wife, 21 Feb. 1739, JONATHAN HOLMES, mariner, born in Dorchester in 1676, died in Boston, 17 Aug. 1744, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Clapp) Holmes, and brother of Nathaniel Holmes; she married fourthly, CHRISTOPHER PATE, who died 15 Feb. 1745, a mariner. She had no children by Holmes, who in his will mentions his wife Katherine, and Mary Cavendish and Edward Humphreys, "my wives Cousins." In 1736, Robert Hamet of Boston, mariner, captain of the schooner, *Elizabeth*, testifies about a voyage to North Carolina, the owner being Capt. Nathaniel Holmes. (*Superior Court of Judicature* 42275.) There are no deeds or estate in Suffolk County for this Robert Hammatt.

SAMUEL HEMMET, who died in Boston, 24 Oct. 1718.

TRISTRUM HAMMETT of Boston, whose name appears in a list of debts due the estate of Mark Haskell of Beverly, at Salem, 1668.

### PRE-AMERICAN ANCESTRIES

#### VIII. THE LEONARD FAMILY OF TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

By DONALD LINES JACOBUS, M.A., of New Haven, Conn.

It is the dream of every family historian to find an account of the English origin written by the American founder of the family or by one of his children. The Leonard family of

Taunton actually possessed such an account, as dictated to a grandnephew by Mrs. Hannah (Leonard Deane), daughter of the first James Leonard, in the year 1732. This account was published in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* in 1853 (see vol. 7, pp. 71-74).

Mrs. Deane stated that her father was James Leonard and her mother a Martin; her brothers were Thomas, James, Joseph, Benjamin, John, and Uriah, and her sisters were Abigail and Rebecca. Her grandfather was Thomas Leonard and her grandmother a White; their children (besides her own father, James) were Henry, William, John, Philip, and Thomas,—Margery, Joan, and Sarah. Her great-grandfather was named Henry Leonard. She gave much detailed information regarding her uncles and aunts, and seemingly was very well versed in the family history.

Her account made no allusion to the Dacre Lennards, and the descendant who prepared it for publication in 1853 remarked: "It renders it more improbable that the Taunton Leonards were from the Dacre family, yet does not make it less probable that they are from an earlier offshoot of the same original Lennard [*sic*] stock."

Later writers on the family have been less judicious and have made definite claim to descent from the Dacre Lennards, though none of these writers, so far as I can ascertain, has presented any evidence for the line of descent claimed.

Sampson Lennard, of Knole, Chevening, and Aperfield, Kent, eldest son of John Lennard of Chevening by his wife Elizabeth Harman, was born about 1544 and died 20 Sept. 1615; shortly before 10 Nov. 1564 he was married to Margaret Fiennes, Baroness Dacre, who brought her title into the Lennard family as well as her notable ancestry which included royal descents. To gain this desirable ancestry, it is therefore necessary to prove that the Taunton Leonards were descended from Sampson Lennard and his Fiennes wife, not from a brother, uncle, or other relative of Sampson who did not share the Fiennes blood.

In 1911 was published *Annals of the Leonard Family*, by Fanny Leonard Koster, an agreeably written book which made no pretense to being a formal genealogy and which obviously was based more on printed sources than on original research. A chart was included in the front pocket of this book, on which the American settlers, James and Henry Leonard, were entered as sons of Thomas and Lydia (White) Leonard, the said Thomas (born<sup>a</sup> 23 May 1577, died 1638) being entered as third son of Samson [*sic*] Lennard by his wife Margaret, Baroness Dacre.

It will be noted that this line of descent, while chronologically possible, entirely throws overboard the statement made by Mrs.

<sup>a</sup> Error for "baptized."

Deane that her grandfather, Thomas Leonard, was son of a Henry Leonard. Granting that Mrs. Deane's memory *may* have been at fault, we can see no reason for concluding that it *was* at fault in this particular unless definite evidence is presented for the contrary statement that Thomas was a son of Sampson Lennard; and the book fails to present any evidence on this point. If true, it would make Mrs. Deane a grandniece of Henry Lennard, Lord Dacre (born 1570, died 1616), and it is difficult indeed to suppose that an old lady with the remarkable memory of Mrs. Deane, and so well versed in the family history, could have failed to remember and mention such a close and distinguished connection if it existed. The impartial student can only conclude that the identification of Thomas Leonard, Mrs. Deane's grandfather, with Thomas, third son of Hon. Sampson Lennard, is a kind of "wish-fulfilment" on the part of later descendants who lack the family knowledge possessed by Mrs. Deane.

In 1909 Bishop William Andrew Leonard of Ohio privately printed a book entitled *Stephen Banks Leonard*. Again we are confronted with a book which, though well written and containing much of interest concerning the nearer kin of the Bishop, is not the work of a trained genealogist and offers no evidence of statements made. On page 13 appears a line of descent which makes James and Henry Leonard, the American settlers, sons of Thomas Leonard, and traces Thomas through Richard Lennard, Baron Dacre, son of Henry Lennard, Baron Dacre, son of Samson [*sic*] Lennard by his wife Margaret Fiennes, Baroness Dacre. This line of descent, which also disregards Mrs. Deane's statement that Thomas was son of Henry, merits no consideration, as it is an utter impossibility for James Leonard the immigrant, who was married before 1641, to be great-great-grandson of Sampson Lennard who was married in 1564. Anyone who takes the trouble to check the dates will see that the line includes two generations too many.

In 1925 a Taunton lady placed a Leonard query in the popular English periodical, *Notes and Queries*. This was answered on 28 Feb. 1925 (vol. 148, pp. 156-157) by Henry Curtis, Esq., of Whitehall, London, who wrote in part as follows: "The suggestion that Henry's father was Samson Leonard—more correctly, the Hon. Sampson Lennard, whose advancement to a peerage in 1611, intended by James I, was frustrated by the death, on 10 March of that year, of his wife, Margaret, Baroness Dacre, is not confirmed in any printed record of many known to the present writer. If Henry really was the name of James's grandfather, and if the tradition of kinship with the Dacre family be well founded, the writer suggests that James's grand-sire may perhaps have been the Hon. Sampson's youngest

brother, Henry, of whom the only record so far met with is that he was a Student of Lincoln's Inn, admitted 15 Oct., 1588."

This suggestion, put forward tentatively without proof, would not, unfortunately, enable the Taunton Leonards to claim the royal lines which depend on descent from Margaret Fiennes, Baroness Dacre. It is based, furthermore, on the premise that "the tradition of kinship with the Dacre family" is "well founded." Such "tradition" must be more modern than the time when James Leonard's daughter, Mrs. Deane, was living, since she knew nothing of it; and any descent from Sampson Lennard and his titled wife would have made the Taunton Leonards so closely related to the Dacre family that Mrs. Deane would certainly have had more than tradition—she would have had positive family knowledge if such relationship had been a fact.

In 1931 a spirited exchange of views appeared in the genealogical columns of *The Boston Transcript*. After the alleged Dacre descent with its contingent royal lines had been printed, a querist who signed the initials "M. E. B. T." ventured to doubt the line and stated: "I have seen three different lines, all of which claimed Samson Leonard [*sic*] as the ancestor of James, but no proof has been given. I have seen a copy made of private papers belonging to Sir Henry Leonard [*sic*] of Chevening House, Chevening, Kent, in which it is stated that Thomas, son of Samson Leonard, died without issue."

Another participant in the controversy, signing himself "Boston," wrote thus, 19 Nov. 1931: "May I repeat, for the last time, I hope, that irrespective of what the good bishop may have thought, I would refer you to my communication in the *Transcript* years ago when I stated that Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard informed me in person at the time I was his house guest at Horsford Manor, Norfolk, England, and when he allowed me to go over the proof sheets of his book, that he knew of no relationship between the Dacre-Lennard family (his own) and that of the American Leonard." The book referred to is *The Families of Barrett and Lennard*, which Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard published in 1908.

A recent publication, *Memoirs of the Leonard, Thompson and Haskell Families*, by Caroline L. Goodenough, like previous books gives the Dacre line without presenting any evidence for the descent claimed.

It is one of life's ironies that a family so uniquely fortunate as to possess a statement of origin made by a daughter of the first settler should be concerned to disregard this statement in order to accept an entirely unproved claim of descent from an English titled family. No reason, so far as I can learn, has ever been given for disputing any of the statements of fact made by



Mrs. Deane, nor is there any reason to doubt that James Leonard and his brother Henry were from Pontypool, Monmouthshire. The claims of descent from the Dacre Lennards (as they consistently spelt the name) are conflicting, undocumented, and (disregarding the impossible claim) decidedly improbable. The fact that descendants of James Leonard have been courteously entertained by representatives of the Lennard family in England is gratifying, but does not constitute evidence of relationship. With all the interest that has been shown in the origin of the family, one can but wonder that research has not been undertaken in the neighborhood of Pontypool.

### NEW LONDON (CONN.) PROBATE RECORDS

#### *Abstract of Files before 1710*

(Continued from Vol. 10, page 104)

By DONALD LINES JACOBUS, M.A., of New Haven, Conn.

CHAMPION, HENRY, JR., of Lyme. File No. 987. Inventory of Estate of Henry Champion Jun<sup>r</sup> of Lyme Deseased taken by Will<sup>m</sup> Ely and Matthew Griswold, townsmen, 12 Sept. 1704; £241.11.4. Names and ages of the children: Henry, 19 yeares; Joshua, 18; Susana, 15; Sam<sup>l</sup>, 13; Alice, 11; Rachel, 8; Abigail, 4; Stephen, 2. Susana Champion, Widow of Henry, made oath 21 Sept. 1704.

Bond 21 Sept. 1704 of Susana Champion of Lyme (signed with mark), and Jn<sup>o</sup> Borden of Lyme, surety.

Account not dated, filed 1705.

CHAMPION, HENRY, SR., of Lyme. File No. 988. Inventory of Estate of Henery Champion late of Lyme decesed taken 16 Apr. 1709 by John Lay and Samuel Marvin, townsmen. Deborah Champion, Widow, made oath 23 Sept. 1709.

Mutual agreement of heirs, 26 Apr. 1709. Deborah Champion, Widdow to Henry sen<sup>r</sup> (her mark); Henry Champen (signed), grandson of s<sup>d</sup> Champion; Henry Benett (his mark, F B) in behalf of self and wife; Aron Huntly (signed) in behalf of self and wife; and John Wade (signed) and his wife [hannah Wade signed] in behalf of themselves and of the children of Thomas Champion, whose relict she was. Witnesses: Will<sup>m</sup> Ely, Thomas Bradford, and Richard Lord.

CHAMPION, THOMAS, of Lyme. File No. 996. Will 4 Apr. 1705, proved 2 May 1705, signed with mark (T); lands to two sons, Thomas and Henery, under age; wife to have dower; my

daughters to have movables; loving nighbours. John Lay and Mr Francis Smith, to be overseers. Witnesses: Woolston Brockway sener, Richard harris, Thomas Anderson.

Inventory appraised 23 Apr. 1705, not totaled, by Thomas Anderson, John Lay and Francis Smith; they made oath, Lyme, 20 May 1705. Names and ages of the children: Hannah, Aged 20 yeares; Sarah, 17; Thomas, 14; Mary, 12; Hennery, 10; Deborah, 08; Elizabeth, 06; Bridget, 03. Widow Hannah made oath, 7 June 1705.

CHAPMAN, WILLIAM, SR., of New London. File No. 1084. Will 1 Apr. 1696, proved 10 Jan. 1699/1700; eldest son, John Chapman, double portion; son William; son Sam<sup>n</sup>; son Jeremiah to have house and homelot by paying the other legacies; son Joseph; two daughters, sarah and Rebecka, to have movables. Signed with mark. Witnesses: John Plumbe, Greene Plumbe.

Inventory of Estate of William Chapman senio<sup>r</sup> Late of New London Deceased December the 18<sup>th</sup> 1699: appraised 2 Jan. 1699 by Daniell Wetherell, Tho Bolles, and John Richards; £28.00.06. Jeremiah Chapman made oath, 10 Jan. 1699/1700.

CHESTER, SAMUEL, of Groton. File No. 1194. Will (signed), 23 Apr. 1708, proved 14 Mar. 1709/10; wife Hannah, to have improvement of whole estate unless she marry again, and then to have legal dower; to three sons, Abraham, John and Jonathan, the real estate equally, they to pay £20 to my daughter Mercy Burrows; wife Hannah to be Executrix. Witnesses: Daniell Wetherell, Jn<sup>o</sup>: Livingston, George Denison.

Inventory of Estate of Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>n</sup> Chester taken 31 Jan. 1709/10 by James Auery and Wm Latham; £295.06.6.

CHRISTOPHERS, JOHN, of New London. File No. 1206. Will 1 Feb. in first year of Queen Anne, calls him of New London being now in the Island of Barbados; wife Elizabeth and brother Richard Christophers in New London to be Executors of estate in New London; son John; daughter Elizabeth Christophers; the child my wife goes with; good friends, Mr William Dury, Mr Thomas Fackman, Mr William Harris, and Mr Timothy Mulford, to be Executors of estate in Barbados. Witnesses: Charles Hill, Bry<sup>a</sup>: Sullavant, Dan: Richards. Proved in Barbados by Daniel Richards, 12 Feb. 1702, and in New London by Charles Hill, 20 Sept. 1705.

Inventory taken New London, 18 Aug. 1703, by George Denison, Jonathan Prentis, and John Plumbe; £1166.10.07. M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Christophers, Widow, made oath, 14 Nov. 1704.

CLARK, DANIEL, of Killingworth. File No. 1241. Bond of John Nettleton and John Wright of Kennelworth, 13 Apr. 1704, in behalf of Mary Clark, Administratrix on the Estate of Daniell Clark, late of Kennelworth.

Inventory of estate of Daniel Clarke late of Kenelworth who "deceased out of this life the 21<sup>st</sup> of March annod: 1704" taken 11 Apr. 1704 by John Browne, John Crane, and Robert Lane; £173.0.7. The children: 1 Daniel age 20. 2 Mercy age 1.

Several receipts from creditors and accounts of payments of debts.

CLARK, JOHN, of Norwich. File No. 1263. Will 28 Apr. 1708, proved 8 Mar. 1708/9; called himself "carpenter senior"; signed with mark; movables to wife Mary for life, then to children; eldest son John, £10; son Thomas, 5 shillings; daughter Mary, £14; daughter febe, 5 shillings; son Isack, 5 shillings; son James (under age), the land I now live upon and housing, only my wife shall have half the house for life; wife to be Executrix and son John Executor. Witnesses: Caleb ffobes, Jonathan rood, David Rood.

Inventory taken 23 Feb. 1708/9 by Thomas Knoulton and Peter Branch; not totaled. Mary Clark, Widow, made oath, 8 Mar. 1708/9.

CLARK, JOHN, of Saybrook. File No. 1262. Lieut. John Clarke of Say-Brook presented additions to inventory of his father's estate, appraised 3 Feb. 1701/2 by John Parker senir and John Kirtland.

Account of Leiv<sup>t</sup> John Clark, 5 Feb. 1701/2.

CLEVELAND, JOSIAH, of Canterbury. File No. 1290. Inventory of estate of Josiah Cleaveland taken 23 May 1709 by samuel Cleaveland, Eliazer Brown, and Elisha Paine; £354.04.08. The Names and age of the children: josiah, 19 years; Joseph, 17; Mary, 15; John, 13; Henry, 10; Rachel, 7; Lydea, 4; Delivrance, 2.

Distribution made 29 Mar. 1720 by John Woodard and Stephen frost: Widow Mary Cleaveland; Josiah Cleaveland, eldest son; Joseph Cleaveland, second son; Mary Cleaveland (now Mary Smith), eldest daughter; John Cleaveland, third son; Henry Cleaveland, 4th son; Rachel Cleaveland, second daughter; Delevrance Cleaveland, youngest son; Abiel, the youngest daughter.

Receipt, Canterbury, 6 May 1719 to Mother Mary Cleaveland, signed by Richard Smith and Mary Smith (her mark).

Receipts from Josiah, Joseph, and Rachel Cleaveland; and from Henry Cleaveland.

COGSWELL, WASTOL, of Lyme. File No. 1319. Will 7 Mar. 1708/9, proved at Lyme, 4 Apr. 1709; to wife, use of whole estate while children are minors; to son Stephen (under 21) lands at Lyme and Hebron, shop and shop tools, best gun, and great bible; to daughter Hannah which I had by my first wife,

the best bed which was her mother's, etc., and an equal share of my movables with her younger sister which I had by my second wife; wife Hannah and brother Samuel Cogswell to be Exec<sup>x</sup> and Exec<sup>r</sup>.

Inventory taken 23 Mar. 1708/9 by Richard Lord and Samuel Maruin, townsmen; £133.19.10. Hannah widow of Westoll Cogswell made oath, 12 Apr. 1709.

COIT, WILLIAM, of New London. File No. 1350. Bond of Sarah Coit of New London, 17 June 1703, with her sureties, Joseph Coit and John Chandler.

Inventory of estate of William Coite of New London "who deceased may 7<sup>th</sup>: 1703"; £198.18.04. Taken by Deacon John Plumbe and M<sup>r</sup> John Richards, 17 June 1703. Ages of children: Daniel Coits, 4 last Oct.; William, 1 last Jan.

COMSTOCK, DANIEL, of New London. File No. 1392. Inventory taken 13 Nov. 1683 by Daniell Witherell and Charles Hill, townsmen. Proved and adm'n granted to his widow Paltieil, she to improve the whole estate for the bringing up the children.

CRERY, PETER, SR., of Groton. File No. 1513. Will of Peter Crery Senior of County of New London, yeoman, 20 June 1708, proved 14 Dec. 1708. To son Peter Cararie, land in grawton which I purchased of Major Pinchen, he to pay £3 annually to my loving wife, his mother, for her life. To my two sons, John and William Cararie, the 38th and 39th lotments in Playnfeild, John to pay 40 s. yearly to his mother for life. Son Robert Cararie to take the care and management of the farm and homestead which I now improve, which I bought of John Burous Senio<sup>r</sup>, to take care of his mother. Daughters Margrett and Ann to be made equal with their sister Cristabell. Son Peter and wife Christabell to be Exec<sup>r</sup> and Exec<sup>x</sup>. Sergeant Samuell Fish and my loving Brother M<sup>r</sup> William Gallup to be overseers. Witnesses: Robart Burrows, Beniamin Springer (his mark), and Stephen Gifford juner.

CUNDY, WILLIAM, of Boston. File No. 1549. Bond of William Cundy of Boston, Adm<sup>r</sup>, with John Arnold of New London and Jona<sup>th</sup> Hayns, sureties, 31 Aug. 1710.

Inventory of estate of "M<sup>r</sup> William Cundy late deceast who was born in new-London and liued in boston"; consisted of lands valued at £90. Taken by Richard Wyatt and Joseph Harris, 2 Sept. 1710. William Cundy of Boston made oath, 4 Sept. 1710, to the inventory of the estate of his deceased father.

DARROW, GEORGE, of New London. File No. 1589. Elizabeth Darrow of New London, bond 1 Oct. 1706 as Adm<sup>x</sup>, with Dan<sup>ll</sup> Stubbens of New London as surety; both signed with their marks.

Inventory taken 23 Sept. 1706 by Joshua Hemstead and Christopher Darro; £24.11.10.

DAVISON, DANIEL, of Stonington. File No. 1655. Sarah Davison of Stonington and Peter Davison, Adm'rs of the estate of Daniel Davison of Stonington dec'd, gave bond 9 June 1704, with Thomas Davison of Preston surety. She and Peter wrote their names; Thomas does not appear at all in the signatures.

Inventory taken by Jonathan Tracy, Joseph Morgan, and Thomas Davison; £119.17.10; no date, sworn by Sarah Davison, 9 June 1704.

Distributors appointed 24 Mar. 1714; they met and acted 14 Apr. 1717. Distribution made to: widow; eldest son; Josiah, 2d son; Andrew, youngest son; Sarah, eldest daughter; Hipsibah, a daughter; Mary, youngest daughter.

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### SHARON (CONN.) PROBATE RECORDS

Abstract made by MRS. SARAH A. W. BURR, of Norfolk, Conn.

The Sharon Probate Court was constituted October, 1756, from the District of Litchfield. The first book, from that date to December, 1757, seems to be missing. The following is an abstract of the first 27 pages of volume 2 or B.

Estate of Doct<sup>r</sup> John Lee (pp. 1-3). Elizabeth Lee, Executrix, accepted trust, 19 Dec. 1757, upon probaton of will. Will dated 26 Nov. 1757, signed by mark, gave entire estate to wife, the land at Lyme to be sold; right in the thirds of my mother Abigail Chapman, due to me at her decease, also my right in Division No. 3 in Mass. Bay Government; if wife should die without issue, lands to return to my "Brethren"; brothers Abner Lee, and Giles Lee, sister Ame Lee, and brother Andrew Lee, and sister Eunice, to have ten shillings apiece. Witnesses: Israel Holly Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mary Ford (her mark), Tho Young. Inventory presented 2 Feb. 1758 of estate of Doct<sup>r</sup> John Lee of Sharon, taken by Simeon and Paul Smith, the land in Lyme appraised by Elisha Mellar and Samuel Lee; £304.10.10.

Estate of Joshua Jackson of Sharon (pp. 3-5). Administration granted 29 Dec. 1757 to Eben. Jackson and Erana Jackson. Inventory taken 20 Dec. 1757 by Caleb Jewet, John Gray and David Foster, exhibited 14 Feb. 1758; included land and buildings and five acres at Ousatannak River. Allowance made to



widow. Ebenezer Jackson to be guardian to the children of said deceased:

Irene	ae. 10	19 Nov. last
Joshua	8	10 May last
Mary	7	this Instant Feb.
Rachel	5	last July
Salla, son,	3	last June
Joanna	2	this instant Feb.
Hebar		born last Sept.

Estate of Nathanael Berry of Kent (pp. 5-8). Will dated 30 Sept. 1757 proved 30 Dec. 1757 by Jonathan Berry, Executor. To wife Rebeckah, while she remains his widow, or if again widowed; to eldest son Jonathan; to second son Joseph, land joined by Housatonick River and Abraham Rament; to third son Nathaniel, land I bought of the Government and land joined by Benjamin Skiff; to sons Ebenezer and Cyrus (under age); to daughters Mary Barnum, Rebeckah Beech, and Elizabeth Church, right in the undivided commons in Kent; son Ebenezer after he is of age to pay £30 to my dau. Anne; to dau. Sarah Berry, £30 to be paid by Jonathan, Nathaniel and Ebenezer; to Jonathan, land I had of Jehiel Barnum and land I had of Daniel Morse; to Jonathan and Ebenezer, land I had of Elias Church that he had of Capt. Benton, bounded by Luke Steward and Capt. Jehiel Benton. Witnesses: Peleg Sturtevant, Hannah Casset, Ebenezer Man. Inventory taken by Joshua Lasell, Jabez Swift, and Barnabas Hatch, presented 6 Sept. 1758; items include a note on Peleg Sturtevant, homestead, 15 acres beside Joseph Berry, 80 acres on west side of River formerly Levensworth, and other parcels of land.

Estate of Ephraim Fellows of Canaan (pp. 9-11). Will dated 1 Apr. 1757 proved 17 Dec. 1757 by Abial Fellows, Executor. To wife Mary, all movables and use of one-third of realty; to son Ephraim, 10 acres on Rattlesnake Hill; to son Jonathan of Canaan, half of homelot, half of meadow lot, and half of 20 acres on Mountain joining David Holcomb; to son Abial, Executor, lands; to dau. Mary Marsh; to grandson Jonathan Dean, land and sheep; to dau. Merriam Stevens. Witnesses: Isaac Lawrence, Benajah Douglass, Andrew Stevens. Inventory taken by Isaac Lawrence, Andrew Steevens, and Tarball Whitney, presented 10 Jan. 1758.

Estate of James North of Canaan (pp. 11-12). Administration granted 11 Jan. 1758 to his widow Sarah North. Inventory taken by Timothy Holobord, Dan<sup>n</sup> Hosford Jun. and Eln<sup>a</sup> Ashman, included house, barn, and 62 acres.

Estate of Simeon Winter of Canaan (pp. 13-14). Administration granted 7 Jan. 1758 to Asa Douglas and Sarah Winter, both of Canaan. Inventory taken by Josiah Dean Jun. and John Dean exhibited 13 Apr. 1759; contained two cows and four

coats; debts more than estate. Asa Douglas was appointed guardian, 27 Jan. 1758, to Joel alias Simeon Winter, minor son of Simeon, ae. 2 on 26 Sept. last.

Estate of Thomas Smith of Sharon (p. 14). Silas and Martha Hamlin appointed guardians, 3 Apr. 1758, to the following children of Thomas Smith:

John	ae. 12	17 Dec. last
Samuel	8	12 July last
Thomas	6	12[?] July last
Eunice	3	25 Aug. last

Estate of James North of Canaan (p. 14). Sarah North appointed guardian, 10 Feb. 1758, to the following children of James North, with Elnathan Ashman of Canaan bondsman:

Asher	ae. 18	24 June last
Thomas	16	11 Mar. last
Lydia	12	2 Jan. last

Josiah Dean Jr. of Canaan bound to appear by John Beebe; had had £53 of money of North Estate, and paid £36 for debts; ordered to pay balance to Sarah North, Adm'r.

Estate of Doc'tr Solomon Williams of Salisbury (pp. 15-16). Adm'n granted 2 Feb. 1758 to Oliver Partridge of Hatfield, Hampshire [*sic*] County, Mass. Inventory presented, taken by David Whitney, Sam<sup>l</sup> Bellows, and John Hutchinson; included several books, four rings, medicines and surgeon instruments, and 40 acres adjoining Capt. Bellows' farm.

Estate of Jonathan Owen of Sharon (p. 17). His minor son, William, ae. 18 on 18 Apr. last, chose John Gray for guardian, 7 Feb. 1760.

Estate of Elizabeth Read of Salisbury (pp. 18-19). John Read, Exec'r, proved her will, 10 Feb. 1758. Inventory taken by Tho<sup>s</sup> Austin and James Nichols, presented 14 Feb. 1758; included notes against Mark Fowler, Ithiel Read, Elias Read, and Caleb Smith. Elizabeth's will, signed by mark, dated 31 Oct. 1757, was witnessed by Nathanael Skinner, Joseph Hanchet, and Mary Skinner (her mark); to three children, John Read, Elizabeth Read, and Esther Read, all estate; John the only son; to three daus. Elizabeth and Esther Read and Rachel wife of Mark Fowler of Salisbury; to Rachel, the note against her husband dated 14 May 1752.

Estate of Ezra Davis of Sharon (p. 20). Phebe Davis of Sharon, with Jonathan Davis of Sharon, bondsman, appointed guardian to the following children of Ezra, 14 Feb. 1758:

Mary	ae. 5	25 Apr. last
Phebe	3	13 Apr. last

Same date, Jonathan Davis was appointed guardian to Ezra, ae. 1 on 25 Mar. last, another child of the said deceased.

Estate of Eliakim Elmer of Sharon (pp. 20-22). Will dated 3 Jan. 1758, witnessed by Simeon Smith, Justus Beth[?], and Cotton Mather Smith, signed by mark, proved by David Elmer, 14 Feb. 1758. To wife Lydia; rest of estate to be equally divided between children, except one coat to James Trowbridge above his share, and dau. Lydia to have but half so much as other children; brother David Elmer, Exec'r. Inventory taken by Eben<sup>r</sup> Sprague and Mark St. John; total, £168.17.0. The widow Lydia, with David Elmer bondman, was appointed guardian, 28 Nov. 1758, to the following children of Eliakim:

Lydia	ae. 9	about 8 Aug. last
Eliakim	6	13 Instant Nov.
Hezekiah	4	17 June last

The widow Lydia allowed support for her family, 9 Jan. 1759; judgment reversed next day, when Exec'r reported estate insolvent. John St. John and Ebenezer Sprague appointed commissioners.

Estate of Ezra Davis of Sharon (p. 22). Account of debts exhibited, 29 Jan. 1759, by Jonathan Davis and Smith Parke, Adm'rs.

Mory (p. 22). Jonathan Mory, a transient person, son to William Mory, formerly of Dover, now deceased, a minor ae. 16 the 19th of June last, on 26 Feb. 1759 chose his brother Nathanael Mory of Sharon to be his guardian, with Joshua Chaffee of Sharon bondman.

Estate of Abel Man of Sharon (p. 22). On 18 May 1759, his widow Elizabeth Man, cited to appear to take adm'n, did appear but without surety. Court ready to grant adm'n to anyone who shall appear with bonds.

Estate of Jehiel Barnum of Kent (p. 23). Adm'n granted 14 Feb. 1758 to his widow Mary Barnum of Kent, and she (with Elias Church of Kent bondsman) was appointed guardian to the following children:

Rhoda	ae. 9	14 July last
Jehiel	7	23 May last
Chloe	5	6 Feb. Instant
Richard		born 11 Nov. last

Inventory taken by Phineas Brown, Seth Strong, and John Thompson, exhibited 14 June 1758.

Estate of Eliakim Elmer of Sharon (p. 24), 21 Apr. 1760. The widow, Lydia Elmer, complained her dower had not been set out by the Exec'r, who gave reasons. Jonathan Pettit, Mark St. John, and Samuel Doty, appointed to set out dower.

Estate of Peletiah Chapman of Sharon (pp. 25-27). Will dated 8 Feb. 1758, witnessed by Irena Chapman (her mark), George White, and Thos. Young, proved 3 Apr. 1758 by George White and Mary Chapman, Exec'rs; Thomas Crippen, also nomi-

nated, refused trust as Exec'r. The will gave to wife Mary the homelot until the second son Pelatiah comes to age of 21; to eldest son John, lands; to second son Peletiah, the homelot, he to pay my dau, Sarah £15 at age of 18, and to maintain my wife through widowhood; to third son William, land; Executors, my said wife, my father-in-law George White, and Lieut. Thomas Crippen. Inventory taken by Nath<sup>l</sup> Richards, Josiah Strong, and Thomas Crippen, exhibited at same Court. George White of Sharon appointed guardian, 9 Jan. 1759, to the following children:

John	ae. 7	12 May last
Peletiah	5	10 July last
William	3	6 Dec. last
Sarah		born 21 Jan. last

Estate of Eliakim Elmer (p. 27). Mark St. John and Eben<sup>r</sup> Sprague to set out necessary articles to the widow, Lydia Elmer, 13 July 1759.

Estate of David Jacobs of Salisbury (p. 27). William Trumble of Salisbury, commissioner on said estate, "is gone into his Majesties Service," and Isaac Benton of Salisbury was appointed in his stead, 2 Aug. 1759.

Estate of Jonathan Owen of Sharon (p. 27). Patience Owen of Sharon, Mark Fowler bondman, appointed 11 Sept. 1759 guardian to the following children of the deceased:

Oliver	ae. 10	last Oct.
Joseph	8	last Feb.
Amasa	6	last Feb.
Eleazer	4	14 Apr. last
Solomon	2	16 Apr. last
Submit		born 16 May last

Estate of Joshua Jackson of Sharon (p. 27). Irene Jackson, widow of Joshua, requests dower, 11 Sept. 1759. Allan Curtiss and Jehiel Pardee appointed to set it out.

### STAMFORD (CONN.) TOWN RECORDS

(Continued from THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 10, p. 118)

[The vital records which follow were copied and verified at the expense of The Baldwin Ancient Record Fund, for which acknowledgment is made to The New Haven Colony Historical Society.]

Knap, [cal]eb s. Caleb	b. 24 Nov. 1661
Smith, [ ] da. Henery	b. 9 Aug. 1661
Holly, [Jona]than s. John	b. 1 Mar. 1661/2
Webb, [Sam]uell s. Richard	b. 30 Mar. 1662
finch, [ ] s. Jsac	b. 12 Apr. 1662

Oliver, [Samu]ell s. William	b. 14 Apr. 1662
Cloyson, [ ] d s. Stephen	b. 18 May 1662
Jackson, [ ] da. John	b. 21 July 1662

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Will of Goodwife baset, made [date gone], entered 17 May 1656; to son Robert according to y<sup>e</sup> will of her h[usband], the house and homelot at New Haven; her son Emery; to the foure Eld[est] of her Children (viz. John Emery, John Web, Sa[rah Basset] & elizabeth Basset); her two daughters, Goodwif Emery & goodwif Webb. Witness: John Bishopp.

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Ratliff, [William]	married
Thele, Elizabeth	29 8 <sup>mo</sup> 59
Pettet, [John]	married
Scofield, Sarrah	13: 5 <sup>mo</sup> 65
Pettet, Sarrah da. John	b. 27: 6 <sup>mo</sup> 66
[Joh]n s. "	b. 26: 8 <sup>mo</sup> 68
[S]ol: s. "	b. 20: 6 <sup>mo</sup> 72
[Me]rey da. "	b. 5: 9 <sup>mo</sup> 74

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Will of Daniell Scofield of Stamford, 4 Sép. 1669, entered 7<sup>mo</sup> 69/70; my wife, Executrix; to my daughter Sarrah, £5 added to what was formerly given; £5 to y<sup>e</sup> two Children of my daughter Sarrah (minors); my other four Children, viz. Daniell, John, [ ], & Mercy; three sons to have remaining lands equally. Witnesses: Georg Slawson, John Holly.

Rich, Henery	married
Penoir, Martha	21—10—16[82?]
Steuens, Obadiah	married
Rose, Rebecca	18 Dec. 1678
Penoir, Thomas	married
Knap, Lidde	22 May 1685
Selleck, Jonathan	married
Gold, Abigail	5 Jan. 1685
Hardy, Samuel	married
Hubby, Rebeca	18 Nov. 1686
Homs, Stephen	married
Hubby, Mary	18 Nov. 1686
Holly, Elisha	married
Homs, Martha	2 Dec. 168[6]
Holly, Jonathan	married
ffinch, Sarah	2 Dec. 168[6]

Knap, Moses	married
Crissy, Elizabeth	31 Oct. 168[ ]
Young, Jn <sup>o</sup>	married
Hiat, Ruth	30 Dec. 1690
Bishop, Joseph	married
Knowls, Elizabeth	3 Nov. 1691
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Holly, Samuell	married
Close, Mary	25 June 1668
Selleck, John	married
Law, Sarrah	28 Oct. 1669
Selleck, Sarrah da. M <sup>r</sup> John	b. 22 Aug. 1670
David s. " "	b. 27 Dec. 1672
Nathaniel s. " "	b. 7 Apr. 1678
Hoyt, simon s. Benjamin	b. 11 Mar. 1677/8
stevens, Thomas s. Obadiah	b. 6 Sep. 1679
Epram s. " "	b. 28 Jan. 1680
Ambler, Abram	married
Bates, Mary	25 Dec. 1662
Ambler, Mary da. Abram	b. 15 Jan. 1663
Abram s. " "	b. 5 Jan. 1665
John s. " "	b. 18 Feb. 1667
Joshua s. " "	b. 8 Sep. 1670
Sarrah da. " "	b. 6 Oct. 1672
Scotfield, John	married
Mead, Hañah	12 July 1677
Bates, Robert	d. 11 June 1675 (in the night)
Webb, Richard	d. 15 Mar. 1675/6
Holly, John	d. 25 May 1681
Holly, John s. samuell	b. 20 Apr. 1670
Samuell s. " "	b. 10 May 1672
Haña da. " "	b. 15 Aug. 1676
Joseph s. " "	b. 2 Apr. 1678
Webb, Joseph	married
scotfield, Haña	8 Jan. 1672
Webb, Joseph s. Joseph	b. 5 Jan. 1674
Mary da. " "	b. 14 Apr. 1677
Haña da. " "	b. 9 July 1679
Jones, Mary da. Joseph	b. 4 Jan. 1677
Haña da. " "	b. 16 Mar. 1679/80
Sellick, John s. M <sup>r</sup> John	b. 7 June 1681
finch, Rebeca da. Jsaak	b. 17 Mar. 1682/3



Steeuens, Rose da. Obadiah	b. 14 Oct. 1683
Jons, Joseph s. Joseph	b. 20 Dec. 1682
Samuel s. "	b. 1 Mar. 1684/5
Steuens, Rebecca da. Obadiah	b. 12 2 <sup>mo</sup> 1686
ffinch, Sarah da. Jsaak	b. 23 11 <sup>mo</sup> 1686
Penoir, Abigail da. Thomas	b. 13 8 <sup>mo</sup> 1686
ffinch, Jacob s. Jsaak	b. 9 Oct. 1691
	d. 15: 2 <sup>mo</sup> 1702
Holly, [D]aniell s. Sam <sup>ll</sup>	b. 31 Jan. 1686/7
Hanah da. "	d. 10 Apr. 1700
Jons, Cornelius s. Joseph	b. 1 Mar. 1687/8*

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Will of Nickles Webster, 4 May 1687, entered 31 Oct.; wife; two sons John and dauid; to Zacary Debble, five acres, "vpon condition he settle here at Stāford"; daughter Rachell (a minor, unmarried); my brother Jonathan Waterbery and Eliezer Slason to administer with my wife. Witnesses: Sam<sup>ll</sup> Holly, Stephen Bishop. Inventory of Nickles Webster "who deseased the 12<sup>th</sup> of Agust 1687" appraised by Jona<sup>t</sup> Bell and Abraham Ambler. Widow Sarah Webst<sup>r</sup> made oath 4: 9<sup>mo</sup> 1687.

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births November 1687

Holly, [Elisha] s. Elisha	b. 10: 9 <sup>mo</sup> 1687
[Eli]phalet s. "	b. 29 Mar. 1690
Knap, Elizabeth da. Moses Jun <sup>r</sup>	b. 7 Sep. 1690
Holly, Martha da. Elisha	b. 28 Dec. 1691
Knap, Caleb	married
Clements, Haña	23: 9 <sup>mo</sup> 1694
Buttler, John	married
Clements, Mary	23: 9 <sup>mo</sup> 1694
Boult, John	married
Clements, Elizabeth	23: 9 <sup>mo</sup> 1694
Bishop, Benjamin	married
Pierson, Susaña	24: 6 <sup>mo</sup> 1696
Cross, Nathaniell	married
Knap, Haña	6 Nov. 1696
Hait, Benjamin	married
Jagger, Elizabeth	10 June 1697
Andrews, Jerimiah	married
Ambler, Hannah, widow	8 Sep. 1697

\* Entry in margin.

Weed, Danil	married
Webb, Mary	23 Sep. 1697
Copp, John	married
Phelps, Mary	16 Mar. 1698
Hait, Joshua	married
Picket, Mary	16 Mar. 1698
Lockwood, Joseph	married
Ayers, Elizabeth	19 May 1698
Waterbery, dauid	married
Weed, sarah	11 Aug. 1698
Dible, Zacharyah	married
Clements, Sarah	13 Aug. 1698
Potter, John	married
Selleck, Sarah	30 Aug. 1698
Webb, Joseph	married
Hait, Mary	23 Feb. 1698
Blachley, Samuell	married
finch, Abigall	6 Apr. 1699
Blachle, Samuell s. Sam <sup>11</sup>	b. 8 Mar. 1699/1700
Sarah da. "	b. 7* Nov. 1702
Holly, Elizabeth da. Elisha & Martha	b. 28 Jan. 1693/4
Elnathan s. " " "	b. 20 Mar. 1696
Jsrall s. " " "	b. 16 Jan. 1697/8
Abigall da. " " "	b. 8 June 1700
Bishop, Abigaill da. BenJamin	b. 3 Oct. 1697
susana da. "	b. 2 July 1699
BenJamin s. "	b. 28 Nov. 1701
James s. "	b. 3 Apr. 1704
Holly, Mary } das. Elisha & Martha	b. 5 May 1705
sarah }	
Mary da. " " "	d. 8 May 1705
Bishop, Ruth da. Benjamin & Susanna	b. 13 June 1706
David s. " " "	b. 26 June 1708
Bell, John	married by M <sup>r</sup> Davenport
Slason, Sarah	22 Feb. 1710/11
Waterbery, John Sen <sup>r</sup>	married in Stamford by Mr Samuel Peck
Newkerk, Susannah	21 Dec. 1710 J. P.
Ayers, Richard	married by Mr Samuel Hait
Buxton, Abigail	18 Dec. 1712 J. P.
Scofield, Joshua	married in Stamford by M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Bishop
Youngs, Ruth	25 Dec. 1712 J. P.

\* Possibly 17.

Ayers, a son of Richard & Abigail b. 2 Mar. 1713  
 June, Ruth da James & Ruth b. 5 June [blank] in Stamford  
 Deborah da. " " " b. 15 Sep. 1717 " "  
 Jagger, Jonathan s. Jonathan & Rebecca b. 15 Dec. 1715 " "

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Inventory of the estate of William Cressy taken 1 Sept. 1684 by  
 Peter Ferris and Jonath Bell; £97.04.6.

Holly, Joseph married in Stamford by M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Holly  
 Webb, Waitstill 18 June 1713 J. P.  
 Brown, Francis married in Stamford by M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Holly  
 Webb, Mercy 18 June 1713 J. P.  
 Holly, Joseph s. Joseph & Waitstill b. 18 June 1714 in Stamford  
 Webb, Mary da. Joseph & Mary b. 28 July 1715 " "  
 Blackman, Josiah s. Josiah & Sarah b. 4 Apr. 1716 " "  
 Holly, John s. Joseph & Waitstill b. 1 Sep. 1715 " "  
 Josiah s. " " " b. 25 June 17[17] " "  
 Weed, Josiah s. Jonathan & Mary b. 14 Oct. 1716 " "  
 Bell, Abigail da. Leiut Jonath & Deborah  
 b. 28 Sep. 1717 " "  
 Bishop, Hannah da. John & Mary b. [blank] in Stanford  
 Lockwood, Nathaniel s. Joseph & Margery  
 b. 20 May 1717 in Stanford  
 Stevens, Elisha s. Elisha & Mary b. 28 Oct. 1715 in Stamford  
 Mary da. " " " b. 8 Jan. 1717/18 " "  
 Webster, Attwood s. David & Mercy b. 13 Dec. 171[7] " "  
 Churchell, Abigail da. Nehemiah & Martha  
 b. 17 Feb. 1717/18 " "  
 Selleck, Silas s. Nathan & Sarah b. in y<sup>e</sup> beginning of  
 June 171[5] in Stamford  
 Mary da. " " Sara b. 1 Oct. [1717] in Stamford  
 Newman, Sarah da. Jonathan & Sarah b. 13 June 1718 " "  
 June, Hannah da. Thomas & Sarah b. 22 Oct. 1715 " "  
 Mary da. " " " b. 12 Nov. 1716 " "  
 Bishop, Joseph s. Stephen & Waitstill b. 30 Au[g. ] " "

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Will of William Potter, 18 Sept. 1684, proved 9 Mar. 1684/5,  
 signed with mark; to the church in Stāford, £5; M<sup>r</sup> Bishop's  
 three sons, Joseph, Ebenezer, and Benjamin, and the children of  
 my son-in-lawe John Mead, equally; friends and brethren Jona-  
 than Bell and Joshua Hoit to be overseers. Witnesses: John  
 Bishop, Francis Bell.

June, Thomas	married in Stamford	B Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph
Hait, Sarah	17 Feb. 1714	Bishop, J. P.
Waterbery, Thomas	married	by Rev. M <sup>r</sup>
Holly, Elizabeth	26 Apr. 1716	Davenport
Churchell, Nehemiah	married	by Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
Green, Martha	3 May 1716	J. P.
Holly, Elisha	married in Stamford	by Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
Bishop, Rebecca	24 Jan. 1716/17	J. P.
Bell, Jonathan	married in Norwalk	by Rev. M <sup>r</sup> Buckingham
Reed, Unice	24 Jan. 1716/17	minister in Norwalk
Newman, Jonathan	married	by M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Peck
Finch, Sarah	1 Dec. 1714	Justice
Ferris, Joseph	married in Stamford	B Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
Buxton, Mercy	30 Jan. 1717/18	Justice
Bishop, Jsaac	married in Stamford	by Rev. M <sup>r</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup>
Finch, Susannah	22 Day 1718 [ <i>sic</i> ]	Davenport
Bates, John	married at Bedford	by M <sup>r</sup> Stephen Clason
Selleck, Sarah	1 Sep. 1718	Justice of Peace
Seely, Ebenezer	married	by Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
Dean, Mercy	22 Jan. 1718/19	Justice
Chester, Richard	married in Stamford	by Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
June, Mercy	1 Mar. 1718/19	Justice
Quintard, Jsaac	married in Stamford	by Rev. M <sup>r</sup> John
Knap, Hannah	16 July 1716	Davenport
smith, Caleb	married in Stamford	by Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bishop
scofield, susanna	11 Feb. 1719/20	Justice of Peace

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Hoyt, Samuel s. Samuel	b. 27 July 1673
John s. "	b. 9 Jan. 1675
Webb, Joseph s. Joseph	b. 5 11 <sup>mo</sup> 1674
Holly, Mary da. Samuel	b. 26 2 <sup>mo</sup> 1680
Holly, John s. Jncrease	b. 29 Feb. 1679 leap year
Hoyt, Haña da. Samuell	b. 23 Mar. 1679/80
Slason, Mary da. John	b. 21 Apr. 1680
Holly, Daniel s. John Junio <sup>r</sup>	b. 9 3 <sup>mo</sup> 1680
	d. 4 6 <sup>mo</sup> 1680 before day in morning
Slawson, Thomas s. John	b. 3 12 <sup>mo</sup> 1681
Hoit, Jonathan s. Samuell	b. 11 June 1683
	and d. at six weeks
Holly, Abigail da. John	b. 6 July 1682
Slason, Hañah da. John	b. 12 Mar. 1685/6

Waterbery, Sarah da. Jonathan	b. 15 Aug. 1677
Vnice da.    "	b. 7 Oct. 1679
Rose da.     "	b. 21 Jan. 1681
Rachell da.  "	b. 26 Aug. 1684
Holly, Benjamin s. Samuel	b. 4 Oct. 1684
Waterbery, Jonathan s. Jonathan	b. 9 Feb. 1685
Selleck, Nathan s. Jonathan Jun <sup>r</sup>	b. 12 Sep. 1686 at 11 clock before noon
Steuens, Sarah da. Joseph	b. 27 Jan. 1686
Dañ, Elizabeth da. ffrancis	b. 27 Aug. 1686
Selleck, Susaña da. M <sup>r</sup> John	b. 2 Feb. 1683
Johaña da.    "	b. 31 May 1686
Green, Mary da. Joseph	b. 30 May 1681
Elizabeth da.   "	b. 5 Aug. 1683
Waight-still da. "	b. 26 Nov. 1685
Joseph s.       "	b. 23 Jan. 1687
Steuens, Elisha s. Obadiah	b. 23 Apr. 1688
Waterbery, Abigail da. Jonathan	b. 1 July 1688
Waterbery, Mary da. Jn <sup>o</sup>	b. 20 Mar. 1679
Jn <sup>o</sup> s.   "	b. 30 Oct. 1682
Dauid   s.   "	b. 24 Jan. 1684
Thomas s.   "	b. 12 May 1687
Green, John s. Joseph	b. 22 Sep. 1691
Steuens, Mary da. Joseph	b. 30 Jan. 1691
Waterbery, Joseph s. Jonathan	b. 26 Jan. 1691
Steuens, Dauid s. Obadiah	b. 30 Nov. 1690
Bishop, Joseph s. Joseph	b. 6 Oct. 1692 [possibly 16 Oct.]
Weed, Ebenezer s. Danil	b. 22 Oct. 1692
June, Sarah da. Peter	b. 30 Jan. 1680
Peter s.    "	b. 22 Nov. 1683
James s.    "	b. 29 June 1687
Thomas s.   "	b. 23 July 1690
Mercy da.    "	b. 11 Dec. 1692
Selleck, Abigail da. Jonathan	b. 3 Apr. 1688
Bishop, Allexander s. Joseph	b. 15 Apr. 1694
Yong, Elizabeth da. John	b. 22 Apr. 1694
Selleck, Theophila da. Jonathan	b. 11 Feb. 1694/5
June, Mary da. Peter	b. 30 July 1699

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Bell, Jonathan  
Crane, Mercy

married  
22 8<sup>mo</sup> 1662



Bell, Jonathan s. Jonathan	b. 14 Feb. 1663
Haña da. "	b. 29 8 <sup>mo</sup> 1665
Rebeca da. "	b. 6 Dec. 1669
Bell, Mercy w. Jonathan	d. 26 Oct. 1671
Bell, Jonathan	married
Pierson, Susaña	31 Oct. 1672
Bell, Abigaill da. Jonathan	b. 23 12 <sup>mo</sup> 1673
	d. 5 4 <sup>mo</sup> 1674
Abraham s. "	b. 22 June 1675
Mercy da. "	b. 5 Nov. 1678
John s. "	b. 16 Jan. 1681
A da. of Jonathan	b. & d. 3 Aug. 1683
Jams s. Jona <sup>t</sup>	b. 11 Dec. 1684
Susaña da. "	b. 25 Dec. 1686
Mary da. "	b. 29 Sep. 1689
Bell, Rebeca	d. 24 Sep. 1689
Bell, Left Jonathan	d. 11 Mar. 1698
Selleck, Capt Jonathan	d. 11 June 1710
Bates, M <sup>rs</sup> Sarah, a usefull & skillfull midwife	Departed this Life
in Stamford in the Evening of the	18 Feb. 1711/12
Selleck, Maj <sup>r</sup> Jonathan	d. 10 Jan. 1712/13
Shepard, Mary, Widdow	d. 15 Aug. 1683
Bell, Rebecca w. ffrancis	d. 17 May 1684
Smith, Ann w. Henery	d. second week June 1685
Bell, ffrancis	d. 8 Jan. 1689
Steuens, Nathan s. Obadiah	b. 1 Dec. 1694
deliuerance da. "	b. 1 Aug. 1697
Webb, Sarah da. Joseph & Hana	b. 16 Oct. 1681
Margery da. " " Hanah	b. 4 Oct. 1683
Lounsbery, Henery s. Richard & Elizebeth	b. 15 Aug. 1684
Selleck, Mary w. Nathan	d. 15 July 1712
Selleck, Martha da. Nathaniell & Sarah	d. 8 Aug. 1712
Selleck, Nathaniel Sen <sup>r</sup>	d. 14 Aug. 1712 in Stamford
Hait, Elizabeth da. Samuel & Mary	d. 14 Feb. 1713/14
Holly, John Sen <sup>r</sup>	d. 22 Sep. 1716

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Cressy, Sarai da. John	b. 25 Sep. 1693
Bishop, Charles s. Joseph	b. 5 May 1695
Cressy, John s. William	b. 15 May 1665
Cressy, Abigail da. John	b. 8 Mar. 1695
John s. "	b. 2 Feb. 1696
Deborah da. "	b. 14 Feb. 1698
Nathaniell s. "	b. 16 Sep. 1700

Clarke, Abigal da. Williā b. 1 Nov. 1701  
 Cros, Hanah da. Nathaniell & Abigall b. 23 July 1687  
 Abigall da. " " " b. 8 Apr. 1694  
 Cros, Deborah da. Nathaniell & Hañah (2<sup>d</sup> wife)  
 b. 17 Jan. 1701/2  
 Nathaniell s. " " " b. 13 Apr. 1703  
 Crissy, Moses s. John b. 14 Feb. 1701/2  
 Mary da. " b. 15 Jan. 1704/5  
 Cloison, Mary da. David b. 17 Aug. 1689  
 Deborah da. " b. 2 Nov. 1695  
 hephzibah da. " b. 4 Nov. 1698  
 Crissy, Martha da. Jonathan b. 15 July 1706  
 Cros, Abigail da. Nathaniell & Abigail died 5 Sep. 1710

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Davenport, Abigail [da.] M<sup>r</sup> John b. [14] July 169[6]  
 Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> John married  
 Selleck, M<sup>e</sup> Martha 18 Apr. 169[5]  
 Davenport, John s. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>. b. 21 Jan. 1697/8  
 Martha da. " " b. 10 Feb. 16[99/1]7[00]  
 Sarah da. " " b. 17 July 17[02]  
 Theodora da. " " b. 2 Nov. 170[3]  
 Deodate s. " " b. 23 Oct. 170[6] night  
 Elizabeth da. " " b. 28 Aug. 170[8]  
 Davenport, Theodora da. Rev<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John d. 15 Feb. 1711/12  
 Davenport, Martha w. Reverend M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup> Pasto<sup>r</sup>  
 to y<sup>e</sup> Church of Christ in Stamford d. 1 Dec. 1712  
 Hait, Decon Sam<sup>l</sup> d. 7 Apr. 1720

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Richard bullock, plaintiff, vs. Jefery feris. [ ] Richardson  
 made affidavit, being at Grenewich. [No date, early handwriting.]  
 Stevens, Ruth da. Ephram & Hannah b. 13 July 1720 in stamford  
 Youngs, Deborah da. Jn<sup>o</sup>. [&] Sarah  
 b. 5 Mar. 1720/1 at 5 A.M. " "  
 Seely, Mercy da. Jn<sup>o</sup>. & Abigail b. 21 Feb. 1720/1 in Stamford  
 Woster, Thomas s. Ebenezer & Margeret b. Dec. 1721 in Stamford  
 Holly, Francis s. Jn<sup>o</sup>. & Abigail b. 15 Jan. 1720/21 " "  
 Mercy da. " " " b. 12 Apr. 1719 " "  
 Scofield, Jsaac s. Samuel & hannah b. 13 June 1720 " "  
 Abraham s. " " hanna b. 29 May 1721 " "  
 Hait, Samuel s. Jonathan & Milesent b. 30 June 1720 " "  
 Bishop, Sarah da. Jsaac & Susanna b. 4 Jan. 1720/21 " "  
 Maltbie, Jonathan s. Jonathan & Sarah b. 29 June 1720 " "

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### QUERIES

44. ALLYN, WYATT, CHICHESTER. Is the following pedigree proved? Matthew Allyn, bapt. Apr. 17, 1605 at Brauntun, Devon, England. m. there Feb. 2, 1626, Margaret Wyatt, dau. of John Wyatt, bapt. there Nov. 27, 1558, who m. Frances Chichester. (See N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg. April, 1897.) Matthew Allyn was a resident of Cambridge, Mass., in 1642 and was later of Hartford.—*F. P.*

45 (a) BELDING. Wanted: Parentage of Elizabeth ———, first wife of Capt. Joseph Belding, of Wethersfield, Conn. He was b. Dec. 28, 1697; d. Apr. 26, 1754.

(b) STURGES-WHEELER. Wanted: Parentage of Ann Sturges who m. March 8, 1752, Josiah Wheeler, of Newtown, Conn.

(c) WHEELER-STURGES. Wanted: Parentage of Josiah Wheeler, of Newtown, Conn., who m. March 8, 1752, Ann Sturges.

(d) FERRY-DIBBLE. Wanted: Parentage, with record proof, of Lydia ———, wife of John Dibble, of Danbury, Conn., son of Lieut. John Dibble. She is given as Lydia Ferry in Whitney Genealogy. John Dibble, jr., died previous to 1785 when his father made his will.

(e) BOOTH-SMITH. Wanted: Parentage of Hannah Booth who m. John Smith, of Newtown, Conn. She was b. June, 1767; d. March 20, 1825.—*C. L. W.*

46. LOUNSBURY. Wanted: Parentage of Thomas Lounsbury and of his wife, Elizabeth ———, who were m. Jan. 24, 1757. He was b. Aug. 12, 1736; d. May 12, 1812. She was b. Mar. 6, 1740; d. Jan. 12, 1825. They lived in Amenia,

Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1790, but d. and are bur. in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N. Y. Is there proof that her maiden name was Woodford?—*H. J. B.*

47. (a) **ANDREWS-JEWELL.** Wanted: Parentage of Pamela Andrews and Phebe Andrews (Andros), wives of Eliphalet Jewell, of Salisbury, Conn., and later of New York State. Pamela m. 1793 and d. 1794 at birth of son, Marcus Andrews Jewell. Phebe m. 1794. She was b. 1778; d. 1865. Eliphalet was b. Sept. 12, 1769 (town records), or Sept. 2, 1770 (family Bible records).

(b) **TUBBS-JEWELL.** Wanted: Parentage of Phebe Tubbs, first wife of Oliver Jewell, who were m. 1759. Did she die Dec. 12, 1775? A son of Oliver is said to have been born Dec. 27, 1775. Correct dates wanted.

(c) **KNIGHT.** Wanted: Parentage of Caleb Knight, b. Cranston, R. I., 1778; d. Scriba, N. Y., 1870; m. (1) Elizabeth Marsden. He was an early settler of Oneida Co., N. Y.—*V. L. M.*

48. (a) **BATES.** Wanted: Parentage of Nathan R. Bates and of his wife, Ruth ———. Their dau. Lydia, b. Danbury, Conn., Nov. 5, 1814, m. Philip Keeler, of Ridgefield, Conn., June 30, 1839. Other Bates children were David, Slawson and Lucy.

(b) **HOYT.** Wanted: Parentage of Abner Hoyt, of New Canaan, Conn., and maiden name of his wife, Phebe ———. Their dau. Phebe (also called Rhoda) bapt. at New Canaan, Nov. 16, 1746, m. Sept. 17, 1767, John Keeler, grandfather of Philip Keeler, of Ridgefield. Was Phebe Hoyt related to Rhoda Hoyt, dau. of Zerubabel, who m. Apr. 19, 1710, John Keeler, Jr.?

(c) **WADSWORTH.** Wanted: Ancestry of Daniel Wadsworth, who d. Jan. 11, 1806, aged 43, at South Hero, Vt. He served in Col. Samuel Wyllys's regt. in 1780 in which were enlisted also Hezekiah and Thomas Wadsworth. Named a son Horace. Was he the Daniel of Litchfield who m. 1791 Elizabeth Collins? How descended from William Wadsworth, of Hartford, 1595-1675?

(d) **PEARL.** Wanted: Parentage of Nathan Pearl and full name of his wife, ——— Utterly. They had Azubah, who m. the above Daniel Wadsworth Jan. 12, 1792; and Stephen, a captain at Bunker Hill, who went to Vermont in 1781.

(e) **FARRAND.** Wanted: Name of first wife and dates of birth of children of Joseph Farrand, Jr., b. Jan. 1, 1728, who removed from New Milford to Vermont in 1787. These children were Rev. Daniel Farrand, of Canaan, Conn., and Dr. Samuel Farrand, who removed from New Milford to Hinesburg, Vt., 1793. By second wife, Mercy, Joseph had John, b. 1756; Asa, b. 1757; Joseph and Benjamin, twins, b. 1759.

(f) FARRAND. Wanted: Parentage and date of birth of Joseph Farrand, Sr., b. prob. 1700-1705, and supposedly the father of Joseph b. Jan. 1, 1728, of New Milford.

(g) FARRAND. "Nathaniel Farrand, Jr." appears in the list of original proprietors of New Milford, April, 1706. Does this refer to Nathaniel b. prob. 1645-55, or to Nathaniel b. 1679?

(h) HOLLISTER. Wanted: Parentage of Jonathan Hollister and of his wife, Mehitabel — who removed from Fairfield, Conn. to Hinesburg, Vt. abt. 1790-95. He was b. Mar. 25, 1745, she was b. Aug. 25, 1747. They had nine children. Who were the parents of Peter Hollister, bapt. New Fairfield, Oct. 31, 1714?

(i) HOLLISTER. Were there any descendants of Stephen Hollister, b. Sept. 12, 1709, son of Capt. Stephen Hollister and his second wife, Elizabeth Coleman, of Wethersfield? Capt. Stephen d. 1709 of camp fever at Greenbush, N. Y. Was he father of the above Jonathan?

(j) WESTCOTT-FIRMIN. Joanna Westcott, dau. of Richard, m. (1) John Weed; (2) Josiah Forman or Firmin. One of her children mentioned in her probate papers, Mar. 12, 1689/90, was Rebecca Firmin. Was she a forebear of Mehitabel, wife of above Jonathan Hollister? (See *Families of Old Fairfield*, p. 653.)—  
F. K. J.

49. (a) MOULTHROP. Wanted: Residence of Matthew Moulthrop prior to 1652 when he bought land in East Haven. He signed the New Haven Covenant in 1639, but received no grant of land. Who were the children of John Moulthrop, b. 1757, East Haven, a soldier in the Revolution? He m. Thanks Moore.

(b) CADWALADER. Wanted: Parentage of Gwen Cadwalader who m. Apr. 19, 1691, Robert Williams, a Welshman, of Goshen township, Chester Co., Pa. Their dau. Ann, b. 1700, m. Griffith John, Quaker minister of Uwchlan township, Chester Co.

(c) COOK. Wanted: Ancestry of Abiel Cook, of Needham, Mass., who m. Apr. 11, 1751, Samuel Parker, b. 1729-30, son of Gen. Samuel and Hannah Duncklee Parker.

(d) NORTON. Is the English ancestry of Nicholas Norton, an early settler of Martha's Vineyard the same as that of Thomas Norton, of Guilford, Conn.?

(e) SMITH. Wanted: Parentage of Dr. Joseph Smith, b. Cheshire, Mass., Feb. 22, 1781, and had a sister, Lydia. He removed with father's family to Addison, Vt. He was the first physician in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

(f) AUSTIN. Wanted: Ancestry of Hannah, dau. of Dr. Nathaniel Austin. She m. Jan. 23, 1749, Samuel Chilman, of Salisbury, Conn.



(g) PERKINS. Wanted: Parentage of Sarah Perkins, who m. Mar. 18, 1770, Joshua Tracy, of Norwich, Conn.

(h) ROBERTS. Wanted: Parentage of Sarah Roberts, b. Jan. 19, 1773, dau. of David Roberts. Is he the man mentioned in 1790 Census, Bristol, Conn.? She m. Jabez Whitmore, probably at Bristol.—*M. R. H.*

50. (a) SEXTON (Saxton). Wanted: Parentage and birthplace of Capt. George Sexton, said to have been son of George and Hannah (Stout) Sexton, b. Nov. 14, 1756; d. Manchester, Vt., Oct. 13, 1815; m. there Dec. 24, 1779, Lois, dau. of Arthur and Eunice (Warriner) Bostwick. Served through the Revolutionary War; was Captain at battle of Bennington.

(b) DIBBLE. Wanted: Parentage and marriage record of Miriam or Mariam Dibble who m. Thaddeus Munson (Munson Genealogy). He was b. Granville, Mass., Nov. 22, 1748; lived in Lanesboro, Mass. and in Manchester and Hinesburg, Vt. Children b. at Manchester. Served in the Revolutionary War.—*G. W. W. R.*

51. PETTIBONE-DENSLOW. Wanted: Data on second wife of Joseph Pettibone (1759-1829), son of Abel and Elizabeth (Case) Pettibone, of Simsbury and Wintonbury, Conn. She is referred to as Elizabeth Denslow, who m. (2) 1833, as "Betsey Pettibone" Thomas Shepard, of Wintonbury, as fifth wife. Joseph's first wife was Lucy Barber (1762-1807).—*G. M. R.*

52. CROSBY. Wanted: Parentage of Thankful Crosby, b. 1745; d. 1784; buried in Flat Brook Cemetery, Canaan, N. Y. She m. Jonathan Olmsted, b. East Haddam, Conn., 1744; d. Canaan, N. Y., 1797. Dau. Abigail m. Ezra Kellogg.—*J. C. C.*

53. HAINES. Wanted: Parentage of John Hains, b. about 1713; buried 1772 in Carmel, Putnam Co., N. Y.; m. Mary Frost. In 1756 he was living in Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co., N. Y.—*Mrs. C. A. D.*

54. (a) BURNHAM-TRILL. Wanted: Ancestry of William Burnham and of his wife Jerusha Trill who were m. about 1770 at Hartford, Conn. or vicinity. He d. in Thetford, Vt., 1798.

(b) SLOUGHTER. Wanted: Ancestry of Garrett Sloughter, who m. Sharon, Conn., Sept. 26, 1754, Anna Goodrich. Their first son, Ephraim, was b. in Oblong, N. Y.

(c) FLINT. Wanted: Ancestry of William Flint who d. Canaan, N. Y., Mar. 13, 1859, ae. 96. Notice in N. E. H. G. Reg. Was he son of David, of Long Island?

(d) RAYNOR. Wanted: Ancestry of Adam Raynor, d. Branford, Conn., Feb. 1, 1754; m. there Oct. 7, 1713, Mary Hoadley.

(e) YOUNG. Wanted: Ancestry of Esther Young who m. Smithfield, R. I., Sept. 27, 1761, Abraham Olney.

(f) MAYO. Which Samuel Mayo was the father of Anne Mayo who m. Orleans, Mass., Oct. 25, 1718, Benjamin Hamlin? Who was her mother?

(g) NICKLES. Which of three John Nickles b. Billerica, Mass., m. there Nov. 15, 1770, Esther Hill?

(h) BROWN-HOLMES. Wanted: Ancestry of Jonathan Brown and of his wife, Jane Holmes, m. Hopkinton, N. H., Nov. 15, 1804. He was b. 1783, Bradford, N. H.; d. Hopkinton, May 30, 1861.—*P. S.*

55. (a) WHEELER. Wanted: Parentage of Phillip Wheeler b. in eastern or central Mass. about 1725; m. Mercy Jencks, dau. of Ebenezer. Their dau. Mercy Wheeler Banister lived to be 100 years old.

(b) RICHARDS. Wanted: Ancestry and names of wives of Joseph Richards, of N. Bridgewater or Brockton, b. about 1700; m. Mercy ———. Dau. Mercy m. Eleazer Packard. Was Joseph son of Joseph<sup>3</sup> (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)?

(c) TUCKER, KING. Wanted: Parentage of Ruth Tucker, of R. I. who m. about 1740 Jeremiah Colvin. Their son Levi m. 1763 Lydia Jencks, said to be dau. of Joseph and Sarah (King) Jencks. Who was Sarah King? All were of Rhode Island.

(d) CHAUNCEY. Wanted: Names of wives of Charles Chauncey's son, Israel; of Israel's son, Rev. Isaac; and of Rev. Isaac's son, Josiah.

(e) CLELLAND. Wanted: Parentage of Thankful Clelland who m. June 12, 1780, Cummings Pease, of Enfield, Conn.

(f) HOWARD. Wanted: Parentage of Irene Howard, wife of Seth Edson, b. Apr. 24, 1726. They lived in Bridgewater, Mass. and Stafford, Conn.

(g) GREGG. Wanted: Parentage of George Gregg, of Fairfax Co., Va., b. about 1780.

(h) McKINSTRY-MEDCALF. Wanted: Ancestry of Mary McKinstry and of her husband, John Medcalf, of Baltimore and Carroll cos., Md. She was b. about 1780; said to be dau. of an Irish nobleman. John was a descendant of John (b. about 1680) who m. Lydia Crutchley about 1706. Was the latter a grandson of the emigrant John Medcalf who came with Cecilius Calvert to Md. in 1634?—*A. M. B.*

#### ANSWERS

7. (c) BUCKLIN. Elsie Bucklin was dau. of Barak<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Reed) Bucklin. Barak was son of Barak<sup>3</sup> (Joseph<sup>2</sup>,

(William<sup>1</sup>). William with wife Mary came to America in 1634 in ship *Elizabeth*.—G. W. B.

22. (b) CAMP-BALDWIN. Notes collected and work now being done on this problem.

(c) BOTSFORD. Elizabeth Botsford, b. May 21, 1643, was dau. of Henry Botsford and his wife, Elizabeth ——. Henry d. Milford, Conn., in 1686. "Daniell Bauldwin mar. by Mr. Benjamin Fenn 27 June 1665, Elizabeth Bochford, dau. of Henry." (Milford V. R., I, 17.)

(d) CAMP. Sarah Camp, b. Sept. 14, 1662, dau. of Nicholas Camp, 2d, of Milford, m. Sergt. Daniel Baldwin. She d. Dec. 18, 1710. (Boardman Ancestry, p. 154.)—C. L. W.

44. ALLYN. This line is given in some detail in Flagg's *Founding of New England*, pp. 307, 358, and appears to be based on adequate evidence.—D. L. J.

45. (d) FERRY. A very thorough investigation of the Danbury Ferry family made a few years ago leads me to doubt that the wife of John Dibble, Jr., was a Ferry, as no available Lydia Ferry was found. John Dibble's sister Sarah m. (1) Joseph Waller and (2) 3 July 1769, Benjamin Ferry, and through this marriage the children of John Dibble, Jr., had Ferry cousins.—D. L. J.

46. LOUNSBURY. The will of Isaac Lounsbury of the West Patent in North Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y., 6 June 1770, proved 6 Mar. 1773, named five sons. Isaac, John, Thomas, Michael, and Robert. Can this Thomas be a candidate? If so, proof might be found in the land records at White Plains.—D. L. J.

48. (e), (f) and (g). FARRAND. These queries have been partially answered in direct correspondence with the querist. Some problems remain, and the data at hand are not in shape for present publication.

(h) HOLLISTER. New Fairfield was not incorporated, and had no church, until 1740. The baptism of Peter Hollister in 1714 is not found in the printed records of Christ Church, Fairfield. Where was this record found?—D. L. J.

49. (a) MOULTHROP. Matthew Moulthrop lived in New Haven until his purchase of a farm in East Haven Village. His residence in 1648 was in the Oystershell-fields Quarter. Consult the printed Colony and Town records of New Haven.

(e) SMITH. Cheshire, Mass., is reported to have no records of births before 1858. The town was organized in 1793 from Adams, Lanesboro, Windsor, and the district of New Ashford, and a search of records in these places might prove productive.—D. L. J.

54. (d) RAYNOR. The parentage of Adam Raynor is a mystery. He first appeared as a young adult at Branford, 1 Nov. 1708, when he engaged himself as a servant to Richard Wilford and Elizabeth Wilford his wife for the period of four years, in return for which he was to receive 40 acres at Little Sea Hill [Branford Land Records, vol. 2, p. 331]. A study of the Thurston Raynor family of Southampton, L. I., has been made without locating him, and possibly he belonged to the Edward Raynor family of Hempstead, L. I., records of which are less complete.—D. L. J.

### BOOK REVIEWS

*American Colonists in English Records. Second Series. A Guide to direct references in authentic records, Passenger Lists not in Hotten, &c. Published by George Sherwood, 210, Strand, W.C. 2, London, England, 1933. Cloth, 100 pages; index, 16 additional pages; price \$5.00 net.*

This is the second series of a work which was favorably reviewed in these pages last July (vol. 10, pp. 60-62). It contains the index promised at that time. The pagination is consecutive through both volumes, and this surname index covers every mention of every surname which appears in either volume. Purchasers of the first series will undoubtedly see the advisability of completing the set by purchase of the second volume.

It is not only the index which gives value to the present volume, though that is essential for quick reference to items of interest. There are four pages of names of youths who came out to Virginia in 1773, with statement of their ages, their places of origin, and their occupations. The longest will is that of Richard Bennett of Maryland, teeming with genealogical references; it required eight pages to give a complete list of all the persons named in this unusual will. Two-thirds of this book are devoted to references to American colonists earlier than 1700 in date, references subsequent to 1700 filling the remaining third.

The facts and clues to be found in the two volumes are of prime importance to those interested in the origin of the families or individuals mentioned. A few of the entries have appeared in print before, notably a few wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury which the late Mr. Waters discovered and published in *The New England H. and G. Register*, later reprinted in *Genealogical Gleanings in England*. The bulk of the material in Mr. Sherwood's two volumes is new to students of genealogy. Even in the few cases where Mr. Sherwood unintentionally duplicated earlier discoveries, his digests are not without value, as they afford an independent reading of names often difficult to

decipher. For example Mr. Waters printed a will in which occurred the remarkable name, "Fromabove Dove." The reviewer is reluctant to lose such a bizarre example of Puritan nomenclature, but feels that Mr. Sherwood is quite probably correct in reading and printing this name as "Fromabove Done."

Heartily recommended to genealogical libraries.

#### NOTES

BELDEN. We stated on page 52 of the present volume that identification of Richard Belden of Wethersfield with Richard Bayldon of Kippax, Yorkshire, was not based on satisfactory evidence. Mr. Charles N. Hickok of Cleveland, Ohio, has kindly called to our attention several pieces of evidence of a circumstantial nature in support of the claim of identity. Some of this evidence fits the theory, but *in toto* does not seem to the editor to make out a very impressive case. William Paley Baildon is authority for the statement that in 1654 Richard Bayldon's brother Martin swore that he was the only surviving son of Francis; yet Richard Belden apparently did not die until 1655. Of course this discrepancy is not conclusive against the theory, since Martin may have been mistaken in believing Richard dead.

The story is told that Richard Bayldon became a gentleman highwayman around London for a time. The evidence for this is not presented. If true, his good standing in a Puritan community is difficult to explain. The argument that no other Richard would have had the means to buy land in Wethersfield is entirely negative and has little weight. It required no large fortune to buy land in a newly opened colony, where land was plentiful, and Richard received part of his by gift from the town.

The editor finds the following in Wethersfield Land Records, vol. 1, p. 214: "2<sup>d</sup> month 7<sup>th</sup> daie 1641 the lands of Ric: Bayldon (those given him by the towne & those he bought of Jonas Wood)." This is the only occurrence we have yet seen of the spelling Bayldon. In most records, the name of the American family was spelled Belden or Belding. The spelling may or may not be significant. There was undoubtedly a scribe in Wethersfield who had a predilection for the spelling "ay," for he spelled the name Blanche, "Blayneh," and the name Baldwin, "Baylding." Perhaps he was a Yorkshireman, and the spelling Bayldon may have sprung from his familiarity with that spelling and pronunciation. Ordinarily, we should be inclined to accept the spelling followed by the family in the early generations as correct in preference to the spelling employed by an early scribe.

However, it is never wise to assume that a theory is incorrect merely because it has romantic and somewhat improbable elements; and while the editor is not personally impressed favor-



ably with the Kippax theory, he would not be understood as dogmatically expressing a negative verdict. The proper verdict is: "unproved; somewhat improbable; just possibly true."

### GENEALOGY ON THE AIR

Genealogical enthusiasts who happened to be listening to Station W. O. R. early in the Sunday evening of November 5th were startled to hear genealogical data coming over the air. This inaugurated a new experiment. Arrangements have been made to continue these broadcasts through December, at 6.30 P. M. each Sunday, though as with many radio broadcasts the exact time of the broadcast is subject to change. If the broadcasts meet with public favor, they may be continued for a much longer period.

The genealogist who had the vision to introduce this innovation is Mr. H. Minot Pitman of 88 Summit Avenue, Bronxville, N. Y. A large part of each broadcast is devoted to queries and answers, a sort of "genealogical column" on the air, similar to those which for years have been featured in newspapers. Part of the time in some of the broadcasts is given to a discussion of genealogical principles and methods of research. Both amateurs and professionals will find much of interest in Mr. Pitman's talks, and will enjoy the novelty of "listening in" on a genealogical program.

At first thought, one might question the success of the experiment, on the ground that the many names and dates necessary to genealogical queries need to be spread before the eyes for proper understanding. However, Mr. Pitman reads the queries slowly and distinctly, and there is no difficulty in grasping them when reception is ordinarily good. We understand, although at the time of writing but two broadcasts have been given, that some queries have already been answered fully or in part.

Mr. Pitman appears to be well grounded in the fundamentals of genealogical knowledge and methods, and any man who has the ingenuity and the courage to undertake such an ambitious project as bringing genealogy to listeners over the air deserves to succeed. We advise those of our readers who are within good reception distance of Station W. O. R. to try "Genealogy" Sunday evenings on their radios.

### ERRATA

Vol. 10, p. 70. The middle name of Mrs. Charles Stinson Pillsbury should not, of course, have been placed in parentheses.

Vol. 10, p. 76. In record of death of the sixth child, Peter Roe, read 1738/9 instead of 1638/9.

Vol. 10, p. 123. The marriage of (4) Nathaniel Darrow should read 1757 instead of 1750.

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